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Grand Master 1953

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M.W. BRO. WILLIAM HAINE JACKSON

Grand Master — 1953

WILLIAM HAINE JACKSON was born on a farm near the Town or Bruton, Somersetshire, England on November 8th, 1886. He was educated at Sexey's School Bruton and won a scholarship at Reading University, from whence he graduated in Agriculture. Both parents having died he emigrated to Canada in 1907. After a brief stop at Broadview, Saskatchewan, he travelled west in the spring of 1909 and settled at Innisfail. After farming for two years he started in the Creamery business, which resulted, in 1935, in the formation, with R.W. Brother Dan Morkeberg, a long-time friend and partner, of the Independent Creameries of which he is still Managing Director. M.W. Bro. Jackson has been very successful in this business and has been a Director of the Alberta Dairymen's Association for many years, being its President in 1938 and 1948.

M.W. Bro. Jackson has also been active in the local field, having been on the Innisfail School Board from 1924 to 1937 and the Town Council 1925 — 1948, with three terms as Mayor. He has sponsored many local improvements and also organised nine successful Victory Loan campaigns in the district.

M.W. Bro. Jackson married Edith May Hodge on November 25th, 1914 and has three sons and two daughters. Two sons are Past-masters and also assist in the Creamery business and the other son is presently Junior Deacon and operates the local Drug Store. The first Mrs. Jackson passed away on November 17th, 1937 and on March 17th, 1941 Brother Jackson married Bessie Wilson.

M.W. Brother Jackson's Masonic career goes back to 1911, when he was initiated into Innisfail Lodge No. 8. He served as Secretary in 1911 and 1912 and was Installed as Worshipful Master in 1917. He served fifteen years as Secretary altogether and has been Treasurer since 1945. After serving as Grand Steward in 1925 he was elected D.D.G.M. in 1926. In 1950 Brother Jackson was elected Junior Grand Warden and as he has progressed to the Grand Master's chair he has been very active in the work of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. A highlight of his career was the privilege of Initiating, Passing and Raising his three sons and now as M.W. Bro. Jackson hands the gavel to his successor, he stands ready to serve Freemasonry on every possible occasion.

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Constituted — October 12th, 1905

Ordered to be read in all Lodges and preserved

M.W. BRO. REV. PETER DAWSON

Grand Master

R.W. BRO. E. H. RIVERS

Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge Office
330 - 12th Avenue West
CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

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PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE APPROVED RULINGS
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Grand Lodge

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION

of

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.

August 7th, 1953

An Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M. was held at Elk Point on Friday, August 7th, 1953, for the purpose of Constituting and Consecrating St. George's Lodge No. 169.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master at 7 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. William H. Jackson Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Waldo F. Empey as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Harry C. Neal District Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard Junior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. George Moore Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. John Booth as Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Lawrence S. Doige Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. Bernard C. Jakeman Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. M. J. Brodie as Grand Tyler

Other Grand Lodge Officers in attendance were:—

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, P.G.M., R.W. Bro. Dr. F. G. Miller, P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Dr. Samuel Hardin, P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Dr. W. H. Scott, P.D.D.G.M., and some 200 Brethren.

The Grand Lodge being assembled in an adjoining apartment was advised by the Lodge of their readiness to proceed and marched in Procession to the Lodge Room and assumed their stations. St George's Lodge No. 169 was then Constituted and Consecrated in due and ancient form.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Grand Officers retired and Grand Lodge was closed in Ample form.

The Installation of the Worshipful Master and the Investiture of the other Officers was then carried out by R.W. Bro. Dr. W. H. Scott, assisted by other Grand Lodge Officers.

GEORGE MOORE,

Grand Secretary.

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION

of

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.

An Especial Communication of Grand Lodge of Alberta was held at the Highlands Baptist Church, Edmonton, on Tuesday, September 22nd, 1953, for the purpose of Constituting and Consecrating Highlands Lodge No. 168.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the Grand Master at seven o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. William H. Jackson	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. L. L. Haliburton	District Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. R. G. Thomson	as Junior Grand Warden
V.W. Bro. A. Blackie	as Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. F. J. Pyle	as Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. H. McPhail	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Frank Heron	Junior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. H. C. Neal	as Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. Bernard C. Jakeman	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Dennis Clayton	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. J. Pattinson	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. L. Langford	Grand Steward
R.W. Bro. D. Thomson	as Grand Tyler

Other Grand Lodge Officers in attendance were:—

M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey, P.G.M., M.W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M., M.W. Bro. Waldo F. Empey, P.G.M., R.W. Bro. John Booth, and some other 250 Brethren.

The Grand Lodge, having assembled in an adjoining apartment and being advised by the Lodge of their readiness to proceed, marched in procession to the Lodge Room and assumed their stations. Highlands Lodge No. 168 was then Constituted and Consecrated in Due and Ancient Form.

During the course of the evening R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers was Invested as Grand Secretary by the M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson. R.W. Brother Rivers received the good wishes of all those present.

Wor. Brother A.E. Gudmundson was presented with his Warrant as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Iceland, together with the Jewel of Office. Wor. Brother Gudmundson expressed his appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him as Representative of Iceland and assured the Brethren that he would do all in his power to further the Grand Lodge of Iceland in Alberta.

At the conclusion of the Ceremonies the Grand Lodge Officers retired and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form by the Grand Master.

The Installation of the Master and Investiture of the other Officers was then carried out by M.W. Bro. Waldo F. Empey assisted by the Officers and Past Masters of Unity Lodge No. 51.

E. H. RIVERS,

Grand Secretary.

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION

of

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.

An Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was held at Acacia Masonic Hall, Edmonton on Wednesday, October 7th, 1953 for the purpose of Constituting and Consecrating Avon Glen Lodge No. 170.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master at 7.00 p.m.

M.W. Bro. William H. Jackson	Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. D. A. Thomson	District Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard	Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Garnett	as Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan	Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. J. McCool	as Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. J. S. Parker	as Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. F. G. Heron	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Lawrence S. Doige	Grand Pursuivant
R.W. Bro. John Booth	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Dennis Clayton	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. L. Langford	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. D. Little	as Grand Tyler

Other Grand Lodge Officers in attendance were:

R.W. Bro. W. H. Scott, R.W. Bro. G. P. Puffer, R.W. Bro. D. D. Penman, R.W. Bro. A. Paton, R.W. Bro. W. H. Taylor, R.W. Bro. A. Bartlett, and some 225 other Brethren.

The Grand Lodge having assembled in an adjoining apartment and being advised by the Lodge of their readiness to proceed, marched in procession to the Lodge Room and assumed their stations. Avon Glen Lodge No. 170 was then Constituted and Consecrated in Due and Ancient Form.

At the conclusion of the Ceremony the Grand Lodge Officers retired and Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form by the Grand Master.

The Installation of the Master and the Investiture of the other Officers was then carried out by R.W. Bro. A. Bartlett assisted by the Officers and Past Masters of Acacia Lodge No. 11.

E. H. RIVERS,
Grand Secretary.

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION

of

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.

An Especial Communication of Grand Lodge of Alberta was held at the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton on Friday, October 9th, 1953 for the purpose of Constituting and Consecrating Temple Lodge No. 167.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the Grand Master at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. William H. Jackson	Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. L. L. Haliburton	District Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard	Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. A. L. Williams	as Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. W. L. Gilpin	as Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan	Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. J. S. Parker	as Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. F. G. Heron	as Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. D. Little	as Grand Pursuivant
R.W. Bro. John Booth	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Dennis Clayton	Grand Organist
R.W. Bro. W. J. Tiplin	as Grand Steward
R.W. Bro. C. G. Havard	as Grand Steward
R.W. Bro. A. Bartlett	as Grand Tyler

Other Grand Lodge Officers in attendance were:—

M.W. Bro. Waldo F. Empey, P.G.M., R.W. Bro. D. D. Penman, R.W. Bro. E. M. Beckwith, R.W. Bro. W. H. Scott, R.W. Bro. Samuel H. Hardin, and some 225 other Brethren.

The Grand Lodge, having assembled in an adjoining apartment and being advised by the Lodge of their readiness to proceed, marched in procession to the Lodge Room and assumed their stations. Temple Lodge No. 167 was then Constituted and Consecrated in Due and Ancient Form.

At the conclusion of the Ceremony the Grand Lodge Officers retired and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form by the Grand Master.

The Installation of the Master and the Investiture of the other Officers was then carried out by M.W. Bro. Waldo F. Empey assisted by other Grand Lodge Officers and Past Masters.

E. H. RIVERS,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Central Masonic Temple in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 9th, A.D. 1954, A.L. 5954 at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

GRAND OFFICERS

M.W. Bro. WILLIAM H. JACKSON (8)	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson (84)	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. William F. Gray (59)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 1
R.W. Bro. Frank R. Millican (2)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 2
R.W. Bro. LeRoy L. Haliburton (81)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 3
R.W. Bro. John Joseph Letcher (8)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 4
R.W. Bro. Edwin Butcher (50)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 5
R.W. Bro. Charles H. Linn (67)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 7
R.W. Bro. Frederick A. Tustian (47)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 8
R.W. Bro. Myron R. Butterfield (72)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 9
R.W. Bro. David A. Thomson (63)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 10
R.W. Bro. Cyril G. Havard (92)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 12
R.W. Bro. William F. Gilpin (88)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 13
R.W. Bro. John A. Waterhouse (115)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 14
R.W. Bro. Arnold A. Longson (137)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 15
R.W. Bro. William McMillan (123)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 16
R.W. Bro. Hugh C. Christie (97)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 17
R.W. Bro. J. Murray Gardiner (83)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 18
R.W. Bro. Harry C. Neal (77)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 19
R.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert (24)	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard (11)	Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Edward H. Rivers (51)	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. William H. Harper (134)	Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan (165)	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Hugh McPhail (16)	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Frank G. Herron (7)	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Dennis Clayton (63)	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. Lawrence S. Doige (91)	Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. Bernard C. Jakeman (118)	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Louis N. H. Langford (11)	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Joseph Putters (105)	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Arthur Andrew Graden (129)	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Frank Pearce (137)	Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid (14)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. George E. Cruickshank (26)	Hillcrest
M.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. C. C. Haitman (16)	Olds

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88)	High Prairie
M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29)	Red Deer
M.W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. William Ireland (9)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Arthur D. Cumming (134)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Howard B. Macdonald (83)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond (137)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Waldo F. Empey (51)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. Harry E. Howard (28)	Calgary

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	R.W. Bro. William H. Morgan	Calgary
Argentine	V.W. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder	Edmonton
British Columbia	M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis	Calgary
Canada in Ontario	M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith	Red Deer
Colombia (National)	R.W. Bro. William H. Harper	Calgary
Colorado	R.W. Bro. Louis D. Nicol	Jumping Pound
Connecticut	R.W. Bro. Edward H. Rivers	Calgary
Cuba	M.W. Bro. Waldo F. Empey	Edmonton
Denmark	R.W. Bro. Daniel Morkeberg	Markerville
Dist. of Columbia	R.W. Bro. W. A. Braisher	Carbon
England	M.W. Bro. Sam Harris	High Prairie
Florida	M.W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley	Edmonton
Iceland	W. Bro. A. E. Gudmundson	Edmonton
Idaho	R.W. Bro. H. G. Stretton	Lethbridge
Indiana	M.W. Bro. Harry E. Howard	Calgary
Iowa	R.W. Bro. William Edward Briggs	Edmonton
Kansas	R.W. Bro. Fred. J. Kavanagh	Edmonton
Louisiana	W. Bro. William A. Noble	Medicine Hat
Manitoba	M.W. Bro. William H. Jackson	Innisfail
Maryland	R.W. Bro. William Betts	Calgary
Mexico (York)	M.W. Bro. George E. Cruickshank	Hillcrest
Michigan	M.W. Bro. C. C. Hartman	Olds
Minnesota	V.W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison	Vermilion
Missouri	V.W. Bro. W. J. N. Leslie	Dimsdale
Mississippi	W. Bro. E. H. Mitchell	Edmonton
Montana	R.W. Bro. Rider Davis	Fort Macleod
Netherlands	V.W. Bro. Chas. M. Macleod	Edmonton
New Brunswick	R.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard	Edmonton
New Mexico	R.W. Bro. John L. Little	Edmonton
New South Wales	R.W. Bro. Wes. H. Jackson	Lacombe
New York	R.W. Bro. William Rea	Edmonton
North Carolina	V.W. Bro. S. G. Bannan	Blairmore
Nova Scotia	M.W. Bro. Howard B. Macdonald	Calgary
Ohio	R.W. Bro. Roy Anderson	Bowden
Oklahoma	R.W. Bro. James Henderson	Medicine Hat
Panama	V.W. Bro. G. B. Thorn	Edmonton
Prince Edward Island	V.W. Bro. Perry Pratt	Lacombe
Puerto Rico	R.W. Bro. David Patterson	Calgary
Quebec	M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey	Edmonton
Scotland	M.W. Bro. William Ireland	Calgary
Tennessee	R.W. Bro. M. A. McIntyre	Edmonton

Texas	M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid	Edmonton
Utah	R.W. Bro. Oliver C. Smith	Calgary
Vermont	R.W. Bro. John Booth	Edmonton
Virginia	V.W. Bro. Malcolm J. Brodie	Edmonton
Washington	V.W. Bro. C. S. B. Lait	Calgary
Western Australia	R.W. Bro. Thomas B. Donald	Calgary
West Virginia	M.W. Bro. Arthur D. Cumming	Calgary

PAST MASTERS, MASTERS AND WARDENS**BOW RIVER No. 1—Calgary.**

W. Douglas S. Bareham P.M.

MEDICINE HAT No. 2—Medicine Hat.

Harry Grand	W.M.
Bruce McKenzie	S.W.
Howard R. Slack	J.W.
W. Chas. P. Blacklee	P.M.
R. W. F. R. Millican	D.D.G.M.
W. Everett G. Ellerton	P.M.
W. William A. Noble	P.M.

ALBERTA No. 3—Fort Macleod.

John F. Thaeil	W.M.
R.W. G. Rider Davis	P.D.D.G.M.
W. Robert E. Patterson	P.M.

NORTH STAR No. 4—Lethbridge

John W. Murray	W.M.
W. Herbert G. Stretton	P.M.

CASCADE No. 5—Banff.

Otto Edward Hunter	W.M.
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SPITZIE No. 6—Pincher Creek.

Allan A. Wadstein	W.M.
F. M. Watts	J.W.

EDMONTON No. 7—Edmonton

Roy E. Towns	W.M.
Albert E. Clift	S.W.
Max E. Geissinger	J.W.
W. C. A. Haslop	P.M.
V.W. Frank B. G. Heron	J.G.D.
R.W. John L. Little	P.D.D.G.M.

INNISFAIL No. 8—Innisfail

Frederick W. Tester	W.M.
Harold E. Johnston	J.W.
W. John G. Jackson	P.M.
R.W. John J. Letcher	D.D.G.M.
M.W. William H. Jackson	R.W. Daniel J. Morkeberg
Grand Master	P.D.D.G.M.

PERFECTION No. 9—Calgary.

D. Earl Bickell	W.M.
Ralph S. Dadson	S.W.
Basil Hills	J.W.
M.W. William Ireland	P.G.M.

EUREKA No. 10—Lacombe

Wilfred S. Hunt	.....	W.M.
Duncan Stuart	.....	J.W.
R.W. Gilbert T. Jackson	.....	W. John Henry Morrison P.M.
	P.D.D.G.M.	V.W. Perry Pratt P.S.G.D.
W. Wes. H. Jackson	.....	P.M.

ACACIA No. 11—Edmonton.

F. Bruce Roberts	.....	W.M.
T. Parm Roberts	.....	S.W.
Herbert M. Moore	.....	J.W.
W. Wally K. Agnew	.....	P.M.
R.W. Alfred Bartlett	.....	P.G.R. V.W. Arthur B. King P.S.G.D.
W. George W. Hazlett	.....	P.M. W. Ken. W. McTavish P.M.
V.W. Louis N. H. Langford	.....	G.S. R.W. Ross S. Sheppard S.G.W.
		W. Robert H. Turnbull P.M.

RED DEER No. 12—Red Deer.

W. J. Cameron Kirby	.....	W.M.
R.W. William J. Stephenson		P.D.D.G.M.

VICTORIA No. 13—Fort Saskatchewan.

John A. Jenkins		S.W.
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JASPER No. 14—Edmonton.

Robert A. Crowle		W.M.
James A. McMaster		J.W.
W. Andrew Black		P.M. M.W. Horace P. Reid P.G.M.
W. James Alex. Eaket	.....	P.M. R.W. William Rea P.D.D.G.M.
W. Joseph H. Morrison	.....	P.M. W. Mark W. Robertson P.M.
W. William L. Mundy	.....	P.M. W. Ellis E. Sloane P.M.
		R.W. Leonard C. Stevens P.D.D.G.M.

WETASKIWIN No. 15—Wetaskiwin

I M. Vaughan	.....	W.M.
R.W. Frank B. George		P.D.D.G.M. W. Percy I. Aikens P.M.

MOUNTAIN VIEW No. 16—Olds

M.W. C. C. Hartman		P.G.M. V.W. Hugh McPhail S.G.D.
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NANTON No. 17—Nanton

W. M. H. Wagner		P.M.
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BRITANNIA No. 18—Ponoka

John M. Fleming		W.M.
Donald G. Jardine		S.W.
William J. Savage		J.W.

CORNERSTONE No. 19—High River

Earl J. Goodwin	.....	W.M.
W. Ole Nevra	.....	P.M.

CARSTAIRS No. 20—Carstairs.

C. R. Richmond	W.M.
C. D. Bickner	S.W.
G. O. Tronnes	J.W.
W. G. Z. H. Van Haaften	P.M.

KING HIRAM No. 21—Didsbury.

E. T. Wiggins	W.M.
D. A. Jenkins	S.W.

CORINTHIAN No. 22—Okotoks.

John A. Noble	W.M.
Thomas L. Hayhurst	S.W.

CALGARY No. 23—Calgary.

John Davis	W.M.
James A. Pink	J.W.
V.W. Miles H. Robinson	
P.G.D. of C.	

VERMILION No. 24—Vermilion

R.W. S. Carl Heckbert	S.G.W.
V.W. J. W. G. Morrison	P.J.G.D.

ST. JOHN'S No. 25—Vegreville.

John Nicholson	W.M.
Russel Nikiforuk	S.W.
R.W. Samuel H. Hardin	P.D.D.G.M.
W. Hiram D. Bugar	P.M.
W. Albert H. Goodwin	P.M.
W. Robert Irvine	P.M.
W. John F. Leach	P.M.
W. George Warren	P.M.

SENTINEL No. 26—Bellevue.

M.W. George E. Cruickshank	P.G.M.
R.W. Robert Crichton	P.D.D.G.M.
W. Daniel Rees	P.M.

APOLLO No. 27—Stettler.

Erwin Crawford	S.W.
R.W. Kenneth A. Cameron	P.D.D.G.M.
W. William Filipenko	P.M.
W. Hiram Richardson	P.M.
R.W. Andrew Scotland	P.D.D.G.M.

ASHLAR No. 28—Calgary

Cyril E. Rix	W.M.
C. E. Sanders	S.W.
M.W. Harry E. Howard	P.G.M.

KENILWORTH No. 29—Red Deer.

Reginald L. McIlvride	W.M.
M.W. F. P. Galbraith	P.G.M.
R.W. George R. Sterling	P.D.D.G.M.

SUMMIT No. 30—Coleman.

Richard Shone W.M.

DORIC No. 31—Taber

Kenneth J. Fletcher W.M.

CAIRO No. 32—Claresholm

Not Represented.

STAVELY No. 33—Stavely.

C. B. Thomas J.W.

STAR OF THE WEST No. 34—Leduc

Ernest Lake	W.M.
R.W. John Ferguson	P.D.D.G.M.
W. Walter L. Perley	P.M.
W. Freeman R. MacDonald	P.M.

MIZPAH No. 35—Medicine Hat.

Donald S. Grant	W.M.
M.W. G. M. Blackstock	P.G.M.
R.W. James Henderson	P.D.D.G.M.

GLEICHEN No. 36—Gleichen.

George A. McBean W.M.

CAMROSE No. 37—Camrose.

Douglas F. Gilmour	W.M.
R.W. William J. Brady	P.D.D.G.M.

HOPE No. 38—Mannville.

Miner B. Van Dusen	W.M.
Donald R. Myers	J.W.
V.W. Robert J. Shaw	P.G.S.
W. Abe Spevakow	P.M.

LETHBRIDGE No. 39—Lethbridge.

James Norris	W.M.
W. H. Bruce Scott	P.M.

JOPPA No. 40—Granum.

Not Represented.

KING SOLOMN No. 41—Cochrane.

Samuel W. Blood	W.M.
R.W. Louis D. Nicol	P.D.D.G.M.

BOWDEN No. 42—Bowden.

Robert Divel	S.W.
R.W. Roy F. Anderson	P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Stewart E. Wood	P.D.D.G.M.

TUSCAN No. 43—Killam.

Sidney James	W.M.
W. J. W. Chalmers	P.M.
W. W. G. Gair	P.M.
W. H. T. H. Roberts	P.M.
V.W. George S. Stewart	P.G.S.

BUFFALO PARK No. 44—Wainwright.

J. E. Bradley J.W.
 M.W. M. M. Downey P.G.M. W. F. E. McLeod P.M.

IONIC No. 45—Alix.

Not Represented.

PALESTINE No. 46—Tofield.

Norman E. Glover S.W.

CHINOOK No. 47—Cowley.

R.W. Fredk. A. Tustian D.D.G.M.

CROSSFIELD No. 48—Crossfield.

W. William J. Wood P.M.

ROBERT BURNS No. 49—Carmangay.

R.W. Joseph W. Neilson W. Sidney E. Thompson P.M.
 P.D.D.G.M.

COMET No. 50—Hardisty.

Herman W. Burpee W.M.
 R.W. E. Butcher D.D.G.M.

UNITY No. 51—Edmonton.

James Sangster	W.M.
Fred H. McGregor	S.W.
V.W. Alexander S. Blackie	V.W. David Helman P.S.G.D.
P.S.G.D.	W. W. N. Lowson P.M.
R.W. John Booth P.D.D.G.M.	W. George McMillan P.M.
M.W. Russell J. Bradley P.G.M.	W. E. H. Mitchell P.M.
W. W. A. Deprose P.M.	W. Harry M. Reid P.M.
W. Neil Dorsey P.M.	W. J. McK. Smart P.M.
W. Robert A. Douglas P.M.	R.W. Richard G. Thomson P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Edward H. Rivers G.S.	
M.W. Waldo F. Empey P.G.M.	

STRATHMORE No. 53—Strathmore

John E. Colpoys W.M.
 R.W. Percy W. Slater P.D.D.G.M.

MOUNT LEBANON No. 54—Calgary.

John E. Flatt S.W.

BASSANO No. 55—Bassano.

Not Represented.

BEAVER No. 56—Castor.

W. Jas. Stuart Irving P.M. R.W. William Stone P.D.D.G.M.
 W. Herbert S. Macartney P.M. W. Andrew Wilkie P.M.

GRASSY LAKE No. 57—Grassy Lake

W. Mark Hancock P.M. W. M. J. S. Lloyd P.M.

CHIEF MOUNTAIN No. 58—Cardston.

R.W. William Betts P.D.D.G.M.

KING GEORGE No. 59—Calgary.

Donald J. MacDonald	W.M.
R.W. William F. Gray D.D.G.M.	R.W. Thomas F. Jeffery P.G.R.

ACME No. 60—Acme.

Not Represented.

PROVOST No. 61—Provost.

G. E. Fulmore	W.M.
W. T. L. Hawken	P.M.

MELROSE No. 62—Bawlf.

Not Represented.

EMPIRE No. 63—Edmonton.

Thomas G. Aberdeen	W.M.
Alfred Dellany	S.W.
V.W. Malcolm J. Brodie P.G.S.	W. Henry Fidler P.M.
V.W. Dennis Clayton G.O.	R.W. David A. Thomson D.D.G.M.

BOW ISLAND No. 64—Bow Island.

Paul Edlund	J.W.
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DIAMOND CITY No. 65—Kipp.

Otto E. Loucks	J.W.
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ST. ANDREW'S No. 66—Trochu.

R. H. Hillson	J.W.
W. A. C. Kirkeberg	P.M.

CHARITY No. 67—Lethbridge.

D. C. Lughlin MacLaine	W.M.
R.W. Chas. H. Linn	D.D.G.M.

EDSON No. 68—Edson.

Douglas N. Caston	W.M.
John T. Garvie	J.W.
W. George T. Harrison P.M.	W. Richard D. Layng P.M.
R.W. John Thomson	P.D.D.G.M.

CONNAUGHT No. 69—Viking.

T. W. Murdoch	W.M.
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QUARRY No. 70—Redcliffe.

William M. Mackwood	W.M.
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TAWATINAW No. 71—Athabasca.

H. Wilt	W.M.
Fred Brant	S.W.
Ole O. Nelson	J.W.

CORONATION No. 72—Coronation.

R.W. Myron R. Butterfield	W. Alfred S. Edwards	P.M.
D.D.G.M.	W. William A. Lamrock	P.M.

BROOKS No. 73—Brooks.

Stanley A. Saunders	W.M.
Walter T. Pettifer	S.W.

VULCAN No. 74—Vulcan.

William Munro	W.M.
Henry G. Roebuck	S.W.
R.W. Delmar D. McQueen	P.M.
P.D.D.G.M.	W. Arthur J. Maisey
	W. D. L. Wilson
	P.M.

HARMONY No. 75—Sedgewick.

Not Represented.

FIDELITY No. 76—Bashaw.

W. William L. Murphy P.M.

STRATHCONA No. 77—Edmonton.

Jos. A. Dutton	W.M.
Henry W. Hunter	S.W.
M.W. Melvin M. Downey	P.G.M.
W. Joel K. Smith	P.M.
R.W. Harry C. Neal	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Wilfred J. Tiplin	P.D.D.G.M.
W. George E. H. Smith	P.M.
W. Max Yaffe	P.M.

HANNA No. 78—Hanna.

Roy J. Hutton W.M.

MORNING STAR No. 79—Lougheed.

Edward D. Butcher W.M.

EXCELSIOR No. 80—Strome

R.W. Harry V. Phipps P.D.D.G.M.

COMMERCIAL No. 81—Edmonton.

George H. Brown	S.W.
R.W. LeRoy L. Haliburton	V.W. George B. Thorn
D.D.G.M.	P.S.G.D.
V.W. Wesley W. Pattison	
P.J.G.D.	

ACADIA No. 82—Youngstown.

W. George Bohush	P.M.	W. Hector M. McDonald	P.M.
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ZETLAND No. 83—Calgary.

Norman W. Scott	W.M.
Charles F. Steele	S.W.
R.W. George Cromie	P.G.R.
R.W. J. Murray Gardiner	R.W. David Patterson
D.D.G.M.	P.G.J.W.
M.W. Howard B. Macdonald	R.W. Oliver C. Smith
P.G.M.	P.D.D.G.M.

CHAMPION No. 84—Champion.

Robert G. Racher	W.M.
R.W. Rev. Peter Dawson D.G.M.	W. Bror E. Lundberg P.M.
	W. Leonard N. Voisey P.M.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN No. 86—Blairmore.

V.W. Samuel G. Bannan P.G.S.	V.W. E. A. Harper P.G.O.
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CRESCENT No. 87—Calgary.

W. H. Keyte	W.M.
W. Archibald D. McGregor	P.M.

WAHPUN No. 88—High Prairie.

R.W. William F. Gilpin D.D.G.M.	R.W. Vernor Maurice	P.D.D.G.M.
M.W. Sam Harris P.G.M.	W. Alfred Peart	P.M.
	W. Henry H. Reynolds	P.M.

PEACE RIVER No. 89—Peace River.

John Nelson	W.M.
Thor Forseth	J.W.
R.W. Clarence W. Campsall	P.D.D.G.M.

NORWOOD No. 90—Edmonton.

Nicholas N. Christophers	W.M.
W. Alexander Rutherford	P.M.

PATRICIA No. 91—Edmonton.

Ross Guy	W.M.
Evan M. Galbraith	J.W.
R.W. Edward M. Beckwith	W. John R. Dey P.M.
	V.W. Milford S. Eby P.D.G. of C.
	R.W. David D. Penman P.D.D.G.M.
W. Arthur C. Burnup	P.M.
W. John F. Chislett	P.M.
W. Wilfrid Davies	P.M.

SASKATCHEWAN No. 92—Edmonton.

Kenneth L. Ford	W.M.
W. William Clyde	P.M.
W. Thomas A. Cooke	P.M.
M.W. Melvin M. Downey P.G.M.	R.W. Morton A. McIntyre
V.W. William Freifield P.G.S.	P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Cyril G. Havard D.D.G.M.	W. William G. Scott P.M.
	W. William L. Sharp P.M.

SYMBOL No. 93—Drumheller.

W. A. Irving	W.M.
R. H. Milner	S.W.
W. Roland Winter	P.M.

LAMONT No. 94—Lamont.

V.W. Lawrence S. Doige	G.P.	W. Frank Shears	P.M.
		W. Robert H. Shears	P.M.

KITCHENER No. 95—Rimbey.

R. A. Hales	W.M.
W. Fred W. Hansen	P.M.
W. John Ralston	P.M.

DYNAMIC No. 96—Holden.

R. Mulcaster	W.M.
Leslie E. Hughes	S.W.
Bruce G. Budd	J.W.

ALBION No. 97—Chauvin.

R.W. Hugh C. Christie D.D.G.M.

HAND HILLS No. 98—Delia.

Not Represented.

CENTURY No. 100—Milk River.

David B. Thomson	W.M.
Leo Doenz	S.W.

WEST EDMONTON No. 101—Edmonton.

Daniel T. Ritchie	W.M.
James A. McAuley	J.W.
W. Wyndom E. Baker	P.M.
R.W. William E. Briggs	P.M.
	P.D.D.G.M.
W. Jas. W. Brown	P.M.
V.W. William R. Horner	P.G.P.
W. Alvin C. Johnston	P.M.
W. Roy T. Martins	P.M.
W. Arthur T. Potter	P.M.
W. W. F. Quilley	P.M.

EDGERTON No. 102—Edgerton.

Not Represented.

FOREMOST No. 103—Foremost.

W. H. A. MacGregor P.M.

OYEN No. 104—Oyen.

Not Represented.

GRANDE PRAIRIE No. 105—Grande Prairie

James E. Hall	S.W.
V.W. Wm. J. N. Leslie	P.G.S.
R.W. John O. Patterson	G.S.
	P.D.D.G.M.
V.W. Joseph F. Putters	

LAKE SASKATOON No. 106—Wembley.

Not Represented.

CARBON No. 107—Carbon.

Leon A. Coates	W.M.
R.W. William A. Braisher	P.M.
	P.D.D.G.M.
W. Alfred Hoivik	

NOBLEFORD No. 111—Nobleford.

Not Represented.

CYPRUS No. 113—Three Hills.

Adam B. Young	.....	S.W.
Lloyd G. Howe	.....	J.W.
W. William F. Bannister	P.M.	W. Les. Crawshaw
		P.M.

WESTLOCK No. 114—Westlock.

R. J. Perrin	.....	W.M.
Pete Hoydamac	.....	S.W.
R W. William J. McCullough		W. George McLachlan
	P.D.D.G.M.	W. Richard G. Ponting
		P.M.

CROCUS No. 115—Chinook.

R.W. John A. Waterhouse
D.D.G.M.

SPIRIT RIVER No. 116—Spirit River.

V.W. David H. Keay P.G.S.

DOMINION No. 117—Edmonton.

Roy P. Garrett	.....	W.M.
W. Ernest Foster	P.M.	W. Alfred T. Nixon
V.W. William S. Kent	P.G.O.	W. Albert P. Roberge
		P.M.
R.W. L. L. Lister	P.D.D.G.M.	

ST. MARK'S No. 118—Calgary.

Cecil A. Pettigrew	.....	W.M.
V.W. Thomas D. Gold	P.G.D.	V.W. Bernard C. Jakeman
		G.D. of C.

YORK No. 119—Lethbridge.

R. B. McKenzie	.....	W.M.
W. William D. Hay	P.M.	

MONITOR No. 120—Consort.

W. Ross R. Annett P.M.

ROCKYFORD No. 123—Rockyford.

Frank Dunsmore	.....	W.M.
R W. William McMillan		
	D.D.G.M.	

CONCORD No. 124—Calgary

M.W. George F. Ellis	P.G.M.	W. David S. Williams
V.W. W. C. McRoberts	P.G.O.	
		P.M.

CAVELL No. 125—Lousana.

W. John P. English	P.M.	W. David McWhan
		P.M.

PEMBINA No. 126—Sangudo.

Not Represented.

GRANITE No. 127—Blackie.

C. A. Green S.W.
 W. R. Howard Thurber P.M. W. Jack H. Thurber P.M.

FORESTBURG No. 128—Forestburg.

A. F. Lissack W.M.
 W. Floyd L. Oberg P.M. R.W. William Smith, Jr. P.D.D.G.M.

MERIDIAN No. 129—Stony Plain.

Allan J. Francey W.M.
 V.W. Arthur A. Graden G.S.

HUSSAR No. 130—Hussar.

Ralph T. Armstrong W.M.
 Gordon G. Montgomery S.W.
 W. J. J. Armstrong P.M. R.W. Lester F. Snyder P.D.D.G.M.

KITSCOTY No. 131—Kitscoty

Not Represented.

CRAIGMYLE No. 132—Craigmyle

Not Represented.

MANYBERRIES No. 133—Manyberries

R.W. J. M. Underdahl
 P.D.D.G.M.

RENFREW No. 134—Calgary

Thomas G. Millar W.M.
 M.W. Arthur D. Cumming V.W. Chas. S. B. Lait P.G.P.
 P.G.M. W. Fredk. S. Hatten P.M.
 R.W. William H. Harper G.R.

ALLIANCE No. 135—Alliance

R.W. Paul R. Elliott P.D.D.G.M. W. Colin McLennan P.M.

CRESSET No. 136—Barons

Not Represented.

IRRICANA No. 137—Irricana

E. Wade Gault W.M.
 M.W. LeRoy W. Bond P.G.M. R.W. Arnold W. Longson D.D.G.M.
 V.W. Frank J. Pearce G.T.

ONOWAY No. 138—Onoway

Not Represented.

BIG VALLEY No. 140—Big Valley

Not Represented.

EFFICIENCY No. 141—Hughenden

Rex B. Hughes	..	W.M.
W. Herbert W. Betts . . .	P.M.	W. Ernest K. Kirberg . . .
R.W. John H. Cochrane		P.M.
P.D.D.G.M.		

IVANHOE No. 142—Edmonton

George G. Latham . . .		J.W.
W. James Carmichael . .	P.M.	V.W. C. Malcolm Macleod . .
W. August E. Gudmundson		P.S.G.D.
	P.M.	W. William L. Mitchell . .
R.W. Fredk. J. Kavanagh	P.G.R.	W. L. G. Pugsley . . .
W. Arthur P. Limerick . .	P.M.	W. William G. Stillman . .
		P.M.

JASPER PARK No. 143—Jasper

Francis A. Patterson . . .		J.W.
W. Vernon R. Speare . . .	P.M.	

GRATTON No. 144—Irma

Albert Glasgow		W.M.
W. Clifford S. Smallwood	P.M.	

ST. ALBAN'S No. 145—St. Paul

William Lingings		W.M.
Fred. W. Weder		J.W.
V.W. William G. Fuller . .	P.G.S.	R.W. Fredk. G. Muller . .
W. Raymond Reirson . . .	P.M.	P.D.D.G.M.

DRUMHELLER No. 146—Drumheller

Peter A. Brown		W.M.
Albert W. Greene		J.W.

NORTHLAND No. 147—Fairview

R.W. James F. Kyle	P.D.D.G.M.
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MAYERTHORPE No. 148—Mayerthorpe

W. A. M. Loucks	P.M.
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LOCHEARN No. 151—Rocky Mountain House

Not Represented.

STANDARD No. 152—Standard

Ray Green		W.M.
Orla O. Pederson		S.W.
Leo Larsen		J.W.

WHITECOURT No. 153—Whitcourt

Not Represented.

WASKATENAU No. 154—Waskatenau

William Anderson		J.W.
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HYTHE No. 156—Hythe

R.W. Albert H. Abbott
P.D.D.G.M.

SHARON No. 157—Picture Butte

Not Represented.

BERRY CREEK No. 158—Sunnynook

R.W. Hugh E. Forster W. Egbert O. Coultis P.M.
P.D.D.G.M.

LUCERNE No. 159—Vauxhall

Not Represented.

SEXSMITH No. 160—Sexsmith

Peter Ganzeveld S.W.
John D. McPhail J.W.
W. Harold J. Murray P.M.

EMPRESS No. 161—Empress

Not Represented.

YELLOWKNIFE No. 162—Yellowknife

Not Represented.

ANCIENT LANDMARK No. 163—Mirror

R.W. Howard Conway
P.D.D.G.M.

GATEWAY No. 164—Edmonton

Reginald Parton W.M.
O. P. Thomas J.W.
W. Harold Chowne P.M. R.W. C. W. Lilley P.G.R.
W. J. O. Olsen P.M.

CANADA No. 165—Calgary

W. Thomas B. Donald P.M. R.W. Canon W. H. Morgan G.C.
W. Leonard E. McKay P.M.

EVERGREEN No. 166—Edmonton

Emmett S. Speers S.W.
Alex N. Weller J.W.
V.W. A. J. G. Lauder P.G.P. W. Chas. C. McKechnie P.M.
W. Rev. Hartford A. Cantelon P.M. W. John M. Tair P.M.

TEMPLE No. 167—Edmonton

E. C. Tregale W.M.
W. E. G. Ellerton P.M. W. J. A. Tupper P.M.

HIGHLANDS No. 168—Edmonton

H. E. Wallbank W.M.
R.W. Wm. Hudson Scott
P.D.D.G.M.

ST. GEORGE'S No. 169—Elk Point

R.W. Frederick G. Miller W. O. J. Fish P.M.
P.D.D.G.M.

AVON GLEN No. 170—Edmonton

George B. Windwick W.M.
Harry Wm. Gerrard S.W.
Kenneth L. Crockett J.W.
R.W. Gordon P. Puffer W. Francis R. Keer P.M.
P.D.D.G.M. W. John H. Thorogood P.M.
R.W. A. LeRoy Williams W. Charles Sinclair P.M.
P.D.D.G.M.
V.W. Louis N. Langford G.S.

BARRHEAD U.D.—Barrhead

J. Jesten S.W.
A. Coulton J.W.

MILO U.D.—Milo

Walter Jorgenson W.M.

OPENING

The members having assembled in the Lodge Room of the Masonic Temple, at Edmonton, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. Bernard C. Jakeman, informed the M.W. the Grand Master, who, with his Grand Officers, proceeded in procession and assumed their stations.

The Grand Master: Good morning, Brethren. Brethren, before we start we have a little ceremony to perform. I am going to ask the Grand Chaplain to dedicate the Grand Lodge gavels. I would ask you to pay attention to the Grand Chaplain while he dedicates the tools and then we will put them around to the Wardens' offices and then we can open Grand Lodge.

The Grand Chaplain: This case and gavels were made from oak originally forming part of The Musee Communal, Cambrai, France, an ancient building destroyed in the first German advance in the Great War, August, 1914. By courtesy of R.W. Bro. Obed Smith, Canada Lodge No. 3527, G.R.E., R.W. Bro. Henry Sandilands, Secretary of Jasper Lodge No. 14, G.R.A. obtained a small quantity of oak from the ruins of The Musee Communal for the purpose of making an appropriate Honour Roll of members of Jasper Lodge who have served in the Great War. From the pieces of oak remaining after completion of the Honour Roll, R.W. Bro. Penman made this case and gavels. The wood is estimated to be 200 years old and the small box enclosed contains fragments of shrapnel and hand-made nails taken from the oak while being worked into this present form. That is briefly a history of where they came from. There are about six pages of translation from French which I do

not think it necessary to read to Grand Lodge this morning. So, in the name of God I dedicate these gavels for use in the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and pray that those who use them will carry on the great traditions of our Craft and rule Grand Lodge in truth and equity Amen. So mote it be.

The constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened at 9:15 a.m. in ample form and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Wm. H. Morgan.

The Grand Master: I see we have quite a number of Master Masons in the gathering. I hope they will enjoy the meeting today. Brethren I am extremely happy to see so many present on this occasion and especially so on account of the bad condition of the roads and weather. I welcome you to this, our 49th Communication of Grand Lodge. I hope that you all have hotel accommodation and that you are comfortable and that your stay will be pleasant with us in Edmonton and may the Most High extend his blessings to us so that our deliberations will be tempered with knowledge and accord and our actions with judgment and understanding and our thoughts with charity and renewed tradition to the end that much benefit may accrue to the advancement of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. I will now ask the Director of Ceremonies to bring in the Distinguished Guests.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris: It is my pleasure to introduce to you today and through you to the members of this Grand Lodge two representatives from our mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba, M.W. Bro. Dr. John R. C. Evans, Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. Thomas Jackson, Grand Secretary, from Winnipeg. The next two are M.W. Bro. Laurence Healey, Immediate Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and R.W. Bro. O. H. Nelson, Past District Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Then we have our friends from Saskatchewan in the persons of M.W. Bro. R. L. Hanbidge, Grand Master and M.W. Bro. Robert A. Tate, the Grand Secretary. Last and not least a visitor and friend from the United States of America, M.W. Brother Leroy E. Matson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

The Grand Honours were then given.

The Grand Master: My Brethren, Freemasonry is a great and wonderful institution. When we gather together at a meeting of this kind there is always a goodly number of distinguished brethren extending the hand of good fellowship and brotherhood. I can assure you it is a pleasure for me to welcome you at this Grand Communication and we trust the ties that exist between us will be strengthened and firmly cemented together. During the deliberations we will give you time to bring greetings. I will ask the Director of Ceremonies to escort our brethren to the East.

Distinguished visitors were escorted to the East by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Grand Master: I will ask the Director of Ceremonies to close the Volume of the Sacred Law while we receive the Lieutenant Governor — he is coming now I believe.

RECEPTION OF HIS HONOUR, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ALBERTA

M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald: It is a great pleasure for me to present to you and through you to the Brethren here the first citizen of Alberta in the person of His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of this Province, John J. Bowlen. His Honour has given up other important engagements to be here with us on this occasion and I am sure we are highly honoured to have him with us and he is to give us a word of greeting from the Province of Alberta. He has guaranteed us good weather and other special favours. I present him to you now.

The Grand Master: It is a definite pleasure to welcome you here today to the 49th Annual Communication of this Lodge. We are happy you are able to be with us and bring greetings.

His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor: M.W. the Grand Master, Brethren of the Masonic Order, Friends: When I say friends, gentlemen, that is just what I mean. In all the years I have been in this western country — over fifty years — I have been associated on many occasions with prominent members of the Masonic Order and I have yet to find one in all that Order unfriendly to me. Forty years ago in the Province of Saskatchewan a very close friend of mine was Frank Shaw, the manager of the Union Bank and one of the most prominent Masons. I assure you it is always a great honour to be invited here to your grand council meeting and say a few words. Last year I went over to the Coronation. I didn't intend to go to the Coronation — it is a long way away and great crowds are there. When Mr. Manning as the head of the Government of this Province decided to have the Premier and myself go to the Coronation — on those conditions I thought it my duty to go and it was a very nice gesture on their part I can assure you to ask me to represent the Province there. While over in England I was not with you here last year — I did attend a Masonic Temple in London. I was there to a gathering of the English speaking nations of the world who had their headquarters in London and they had a very big celebration. I want to tell you gentlemen who have not been in London and seen it, about the Masonic Temple there. It is one of the most beautiful buildings. I thought it was the most beautiful building in London. London was certainly polished up but the Masonic Temple stood out above all the other buildings — it is a magnificent building. I was there to a luncheon. A thousand people sat down in the Temple so you can see it is no small place. There were men from all parts of the world. I was across the table from the Governor of South Africa and his wife. Another thing I wish to tell you is I was in London four weeks and everyone was extremely courteous to me but the ones I made friends with were all Masons. A Dr. MacPherson from Scotland, who is a very successful man and one of my best friends, visited

me quite often. He is one of the leading Masons in London. It seems to me every place I went I met outstanding people. The one thing they didn't understand was the name Shriner and they didn't know what it means and I don't know what it means either.

I was asked to go to Jasper to meet a representative of the British nation Rt. Hon. Peter Thorneycroft and I said no, I am not going to Jasper to meet him, because I am going to attend the Grand Lodge meeting of the Masonic Order this week in Edmonton. I missed it last year. The year before I missed it too. The reason was Dr. Orr was selected to be head of the Medical Association of Canada and he was very interested over that thing and came to see me six months before the meeting would be held and I promised Dr. Orr I would be in Banff that day. I found that was the same day as your meeting and I had promised Dr. Orr so I had to go to Banff. I regret very much I have not been with you every year. I consider it one of the high-lights of the year when I have the privilege to come to you. I have known the Masons a long time because my father-in-law was a Mason so I have some idea what Masonry means. I say this advisedly — they are the most powerful organization in the world. I think it is a wonderful thing, the fact that the Masonic Order is as powerful as it is and is so broad-minded and tolerant and so progressive. No one has a higher regard for the Masons than I. They are fair and tolerant loyal to the country and practice the brotherhood of man. It is a great privilege to be here and I bring you greetings and good wishes. May you long continue the successful organization that you have and that it always will be successful. Thank you. (APPLAUSE).

The Grand Master: Honourable Sir: I thank you very much for those very kind words and for the fact of your being here today as the representative of Her Majesty, the Queen. I thank you for the address you gave us and for taking time out of your very busy life to come to us with such a splendid message. We are indeed grateful. On behalf of this organization I assure you of our deep sense of love and loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty, the Queen, and our earnest prayer is that Almighty God will grant her a long and happy life. I thank you.

The Lieutenant Governor takes his leave of Grand Lodge. (APPLAUSE).

The Grand Master: Director of Ceremonies, will you open the Volume of the Sacred Law.

The Volume of the Sacred Law is opened by the Director of Ceremonies.

The Grand Master: Brother Director of Ceremonies, will you escort His Worship, the Mayor, in.

**RECEPTION OF HIS WORSHIP, BRO. WM. HAWRELAK,
MAYOR OF EDMONTON**

M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald: M.W. the Grand Master and Brethren, I had the privilege a few minutes ago of introducing the first citizen of Alberta and now I have the privilege of introducing the first citizen of Edmonton — the fastest growing City on the North American continent. Mayor Hawrelak is a member of our own order and I am sure we are delighted to have him with us on this occasion.

The Grand Master: Your Worship, the Mayor, Brother Hawrelak, it is always a pleasure to welcome the Chief Magistrate of the City in which our Communication is held, and especially so when he happens to be a member of the Craft, as you are so I do most heartily welcome you here today as the representative of this fair and far-flung City — the hub of the great industrial development that is taking place in this Province but I have no intention of enumerating the many advantages of this City, as I feel you are better able to do it and will no doubt give us a good list. Neither do I intend to say anything about its disadvantages but there is one thing common to us all who came here in cars. This probably has been a problem for very, very many years. There is a little poem I ran across some-time ago and which I thought perhaps right:

When Noah sailed the ocean blue
He had his troubles like me and you
For forty days he sailed his ark
Before he found a place to park.

With the vast growth of the City your administration must have an almost super-human task to perform, but we want to compliment you on the work you have already done and wish you every success in the work you are endeavouring to do in the future. Will you please come to the East.

His Worship, the Mayor: M.W. the Grand Master and Brethren, I was somewhat stricken anew by the way the M.W. the Grand Master introduced me. I thought that he surely must have not had parking problems. It must have been someone else. There is only one thing I can say about all our problems here and especially the parking problem and that is this: that if we cannot take any consolation in having a problem about parking we do take consolation in that it is better than it could be. Sometimes we do take consolation in other places being worse than our own. So if we cannot take consolation in having something better than the others, that is what we are intending to do. I was at least amused with what my friend, M.W. Bro. Macdonald had to say about this great and fastest growing city in America. Coming from a Calgarian I thought he really said something. Again referring, M.W. Master, about the far flung City—well you know we are trying to get it together. Sometimes it takes a few things of cohesion, such a mud, to get it together. I want to remind you of one particular thing and that is we knew you were coming today and we got the sun out for you. Now, gentlemen, speaking more seriously I am very happy again to

extend greetings and the welcome of my community to you on this important second occasion. Two years ago you honoured us by coming to our City to hold your annual communication just as you are today. On that occasion I mentioned something about the importance of Freemasonry. Two years later—today—I once again want to make brief reference to the important work that Free Masonry does because I think that time has not in any way changed the importance and necessity of people engaged in Free Masonry work to be even more firmly determined to carry on that great work of Freemasonry. In this vast and complex moving society—when people work so fast and move about so fast from place to place that they have not too much time to have any respect nor consideration for their fellowman—because of that condition I am sure that we are not better off from the times when we did have more time for consideration of our fellow man and it seems that as science develops we do not require as much time to provide for physical existence but our problem is what do we do with the extra time we do get? Do we use that time—extra time, that is—to improve the relationship with one another? Do we use the extra time to increase general understanding with one another? If we do, then of course I think we are making a better world in which to live. But if we fail in that respect it seems to me perhaps we are not making as good a job as we ought. That is where I think organizations engaged in the work of improving better human relations and improving better general understanding with one another are really doing a worth while service to the community. Now you and I are engaged in Freemasonry and know what Freemasonry stands for and nevertheless although we know what we stand for I think now and again we should review the various things we do stand for and to see if in our own minds and conscience we can truthfully say we practise those things for which we stand. I am sure you and I agree it is one thing sometimes to enunciate principles and another thing to practise them in actual life. Freemasonry has a great responsibility. It is a great challenge because not only must you and I as members in Freemasonry be determined be anxious to be certain and sure that we live the principles of Freemasonry but I believe it is our responsibility to try and extend it to people not Freemasons—to society as a whole. I think it is our responsibility to show by precept and example what the good living principles of Freemasonry are. I believe that leave alone as Freemasons—just as plain common citizens—it is our duty to one another to try and show how better we can serve one another—how better we can practise the principles of good living so that all of us together may get more out of the society in which we live. This is a society of collective work, collective thinking and living and to the extent you are willing to contribute to it, individually, to that extent you have a right to expect some good from society. But if you do not contribute anything to it we all know, from every-day living, we have not got a right to expect something from society. We must put something in it if we are to get anything out of it. If we can place something in society based on certain cardinal important principles of living, society returns something more than what we put in. That is what we get from collective living together. I like to refer to these important principles of good living just as the three

principles of Freemasonry because I think they are synonymous. They are together — they are one. I like to refer to them as being the principle of virtue. Now we know that there is nothing more important in the relationship between one individual and another than to be sure you are sincere, to be sure your motives are pure and be sure you are virtuous; that there is a principle behind it, that your word is as good as a gold bond. The next thing — I do not intend to take too long because we all know what they are. The reason you get together in an annual meeting is to review some of these things and draw inspiration for the future of the work. Perhaps you will excuse me if I do refer to them. The second principle, brotherly love, we all know what it means. Freemasonry practises that in its lodges but we have a responsibility to do that outside the lodge. We have to reach those people we come in contact with and show what true brotherly love means. The third principle is that of morality. You cannot have either one of the first two unless you have practised morality. Unless you do exercise a good moral code of living — and how fortunate we are. Well, some of these moral ideas — the moral code of living come from away back. We read in the Good Old Book of the Sermon on the Mount and there we find the moral code of living and so it has been passed on to us from generation to generation and we are fortunate in being able to refer to something and use something as a guide for us in our everyday living. We are fortunate to have that as an important principle in Freemasonry — of Masonry itself. I say to you gentlemen that two years have passed since I last spoke to you in Grand Lodge, but I believe two years only means we have even a greater responsibility than ever before because of the age in which we live to make sure that Freemasonry practise in the Lodge is practised outside of Freemasonry so that all human beings with whom you come in contact may have some idea what it is to be a Mason — not because he is called a Mason — but because he lives the life of a Mason. Now Brethren, I know we did not come here necessarily to listen to what I have to say about Masonry. You have come here to try and review and make further resolution for getting additional inspiration and further determination in your work of Freemasonry. I do want to extend to you once again on behalf of the City of Edmonton and its muddy streets and all the different things of a fast growing community a warm and cordial welcome. To those of you from different parts of Alberta I wish to especially extend our cordial greetings. I want you to know if there is anything here we are proud of in this community, that pride should be shared by you because this is your capital city—it is the Capital City of the Province and whatever we have here that we may be proud of—and as a citizen of this community I want to say there are many things—I would like you to feel you have a just reason for feeling proud and that is because some of the things we have are because of your assistance and support. This is your capital city and I think if there is something you want to criticize the community for, criticize us, because we are the trustees for you in maintaining—in building—in preserving the things you want to be preserved in your capital city. With these few remarks I wish you well in your consideration and in your annual communication.

The Grand Master: I am sure I am expressing the wish of everyone here when I say we are thankful you were able to come and deliver such a nice inspiring message. We are very very glad that you are a member of our Craft and we know that anything you do for the City will be governed by what you have learned in Masonic Lodge. I do not know if you wish to wait with us for a little while, while we go on with our proceedings?

His Worship the Mayor: Thank you very much. I have another engagement at 10:30 with the Rt. Hon. Peter Thorneycroft, M.P., President of the Board of Trade of the United Kingdom Government—if you don't mind.

His Worship the Mayor leaves Grand Lodge—applause.

The Grand Master: The next item is the reading of the minutes of the last annual communication.

Grand Secretary: M.W. Sir, the Minutes of the Forty-Eighth Annual Communication have been printed and distributed.

IT IS MOVED by R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers (51), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. H. Harper (134) that the Minutes be taken as read. Carried.

ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER

The Grand Master: Brethren, you know our Grand Lodge has had a great loss in the death of our Grand Treasurer. He was nominated and elected for Grand Treasurer this year. His post has become vacant and it will be necessary for this Grand Lodge to elect a new Grand Treasurer. I would therefore ask that we have nominations now for Grand Treasurer. R.W. Bro. Davis had been our Treasurer for seventeen years. He has gone and we have to appoint another. So now I will say that we will get along and, so as not to interfere with the elections, I now ask for nominations for Grand Treasurer.

M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard: It gives me a great deal of pleasure to nominate R.W. Bro. Leslie J. Rosling of Calgary for the post of Grand Treasurer. He has been District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1 and served this Grand Lodge very faithfully. He was one of the outstanding District Deputies. He is engaged as financial controller with the Revelstoke Sawmills and in that line he is acquainted with the general principles of business and administration, so I have great pleasure in nominating R.W. Bro. Rosling.

The Grand Master: R.W. Bro. Rosling is not here and I was going to ask M.W. Bro. Ireland if he knew whether R.W. Bro. Rosling would act.

M.W. Bro. Ireland: M.W. the Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Rosling intended to be present but unfortunately yesterday matters cropped up in his office which prevented his appearance here today. I have his assurance that if Grand Lodge sees fit to elect him to this high office he will be very happy to perform the duties thereof.

The Grand Master: We do not wish to railroad anything through. Is there anyone else that has a nomination?

The Grand Master: There being no further nominations I declare R.W. Bro. Leslie J. Rosling (9) elected to the office of Grand Treasurer. (Applause).

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AS GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The following members, who received appointment during the year as Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, were presented with their Certificates by the M.W. The Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Samuel HARRIS (88) Certificate and Jewel as Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England.

R.W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan (165)	Grand Lodge of Alabama
V.W. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder (166)	Grand Lodge of Argentina
V.W. Bro. W. A. Noble (2)	Grand Lodge of Louisiana
V.W. Bro. E. H. Mitchell (51)	Grand Lodge of Mississippi
V.W. Bro. W. J. N. Leslie (105)	Grand Lodge of Missouri
R.W. Bro. Wes H. Jackson (10)	Grand Lodge of New South Wales
V.W. Bro. G. B. Thorn (81)	Grand Lodge of Panama
R.W. Bro. T. B. Donald (165)	Grand Lodge of Western Australia

The Grand Secretary reported that appointments were also made as follows:—

R.W. Bro. C. T. Schon (73)	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island
R.W. Bro. R. F. Lawrence (87)	Grand Lodge of South Carolina

but these Brethren were prevented at the last minute from attending and sent their regrets.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Representatives of the various Grand Lodges, then answered the roll call as shown in the attendance list and brought fraternal greetings individually.

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris: On behalf of the Grand Representatives representing the sister grand jurisdictions it is my pleasure to bring to you the greetings of those Representatives. We are very glad indeed to be able to bring to you these greetings. We are glad to report that in all the English speaking Grand Jurisdictions in the world harmony prevails and Masonry is progressing favourably as it should be. A short time ago the Grand Lodge of Scotland formed a new Grand Lodge of Israel in the Near East so things are apparently progressing there more favourably than they have for some time. Unfortunately in South America conditions are not so good, especially in some of the Grand Lodges and at the present time the Grand Lodge of England has a deputation visiting one or two of these to ascertain the exact standing of conditions in those countries. It is with the greatest pleasure, M.W. Grand Master we bring the

greetings of our several Grand Lodges to yourself and the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Grand Master: Thank you M.W. Bro. Harris. My Brethren, on behalf of myself and of the Officers of this Grand Lodge I express my sincere thanks for the kind fraternal greetings you have extended. Thank you all very much. I now ask that each one of you will individually convey the respects of this Grand Lodge to your respective Grand Lodges and our very best wishes to them and extend the warmest reciprocal greetings for every success in the years to come ahead.

TELEGRAMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Grand Secretary read telegrams and letters expressing regret at inability to be present and sending greetings, from the following:—

M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. J. Martland, P.G.M.; M.W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M.; M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon G. H. Crane-Williams, P.G.M.; M.W. Bro. Dr. W. A. Henry, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. E. D. Nelson, D.G.M. of North Dakota; R.W. Bro. W. M. Peel; R.W. Bro. J. S. Parker; R.W. Bro. Chas. T. Schon; R. W. Bro. George Lomas; R.W. Bro. W. H. Williams; R.W. Bro. W. H. Chappell; R.W. Bro. R. F. Lawrence; V.W. Bro. T. E. Wright; V.W. Bro. J. Pattinson; Pembina Lodge No. 126, G.R.A.; Whitecourt Lodge No. 153, G.R.A.

Telegrams and letters of greeting were read from the following:—

The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,
The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Iowa,
The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska,
The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of South Dakota,
The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Oregon,
The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Washington,
The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin,
R W. Brother Charles Elliott, Hon. P.J.G.W.

The Grand Master's Address

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons:

My Brethren:

One year ago I received at your hands the high honor of being installed Grand Master of Masons in Alberta. That honor was greatly appreciated and it is my earnest hope that the great fraternity of Freemasonry has progressed along its chosen path during the year. It has indeed been both a pleasure and a privilege to serve as the Grand Master for the past year. During the year an opportunity has been afforded me to observe more intimately than heretofore, the high degree of loyalty and the willing service rendered to the fraternity by a very large number of the members. With this devotion to Masonic principles, one must believe that the great objective of Freemasonry is making itself felt throughout the length and breadth of the jurisdiction, from the Arctic Circle on the North to the international boundary on the South, from Saskatchewan on the East to the Rocky Mountains, Province of British Columbia, on the West.

As the Grand Master, it is my pleasant duty to welcome you to this Capital City of Edmonton and to the Forty-ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. Also, it is my wish that the deliberations at this Grand Communication will be fraught with much benefit and that we shall go away from our meetings here, strengthened in the desire to maintain this great fraternity of ours in its rightful place in the make-up of our community. Let me impress upon you that you are the members of this Grand Lodge and that the business done here is your business, so I do strongly recommend that you take particular interest, and give every assistance in the proceedings, to assure that what we do here will be to the benefit of the whole Craft — so we shall all be able to go to our homes feeling that we have accomplished some good.

It is now my duty to give an account of my stewardship for the year, and report on the many phases of Masonry in the province:

Most Wor. Bro. George Moore, who so faithfully for many years filled the office of Grand Secretary, retired from that office on October 1st, 1953. He is now residing at Kelowna, B.C. and it is hoped that with the softer climate, and rest, he will long be spared to enjoy a good measure of life with more leisure. Happily for myself, and to the benefit of the Brethren, he was able to attend a number of the District Meetings and two of the constitution ceremonies for new Lodges, where he was able to bid "Au revoir" to many of the Brethren throughout the jurisdiction, to whom he had endeared himself. It was a great pleasure to have his wise counsel at these meetings, and my sincere thanks and good wishes are extended to him.

R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers assumed office on M.W. Bro. Moore's retirement and he has been most painstaking and energetic in carrying out the duties of his office, and to him also my sincere thanks are extended. My thanks are also extended to the staff, and all those members who gave of their time and energy to make the office of Grand Master more pleasant.

The Ranks of Grand Lodge officers suffered a great loss in the passing of R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis to the Grand Lodge above, on May 6th, 1954. He had been Treasurer for seventeen years and had also acted on many committees of this Grand Lodge for many years. He was always ready to assist in any task he was called upon to do, and he always considered the best interests of Freemasonry in every duty he undertook.

"He was a friend whose heart was good;
He walked with men and understood.
His was a voice that spoke of cheer,
And fell like music on the ear.
His was a smile that men loved to see;
His was a hand that asked no fee
For friendliness or kindness done,
And now that he has journeyed on,
His is a fame that never ends —
He leaves behind uncounted friends."

I was able to attend the funeral of our late brother, and to extend the deep sympathy of this Grand Lodge to his bereaved family.

I asked the M.W. Bro. Howard to carry on the duties of Grand Treasurer until this Grand Lodge meeting.

Immediately following Grand Lodge last year, it was my privilege to attend the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan at Regina and convey fraternal greetings and best wishes to the members of this sister jurisdiction. Your Grand Master was received most kindly at a very enjoyable and happy Grand Lodge Communication, and was honored to be made an honorary member with the rank of Past Grand Master. My sincere thanks are hereby tendered to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan for this honor.

Accompanied by M.W. Bro. George Moore and M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, it was also my privilege to attend the Grand Lodge of Montana at Billings on August 18th. The warm reception we received, both from the members of Grand Lodge and the weather, will be long remembered. The kindly and fraternal relations that exist between this Grand Lodge and ourselves, is a source of great pleasure, and meeting with the Grand Lodge Officers again was a very great pleasure, and especially so in that I was honored by being made an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, an honor which I shall highly cherish.

M.W. Bro. Hoole is to be congratulated on the manner with which he conducted the affairs of the Communication.

It was also an honor to attend the several Conferences of the Grand Lodges of North America held at Washington, D.C., in

February, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, who at the same time attended the Conference of Grand Secretaries. M.W. Bro. Sam Harris was also in attendance, being in Washington at the time. The Conferences held were:

1. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, which meets annually to commemorate the memory of a great Freemason. A wreath was laid on his tomb at Mount Vernon, by the Grand Master of California, who also paid a fitting tribute to his memory.

2. The Grand Masters' Conference — It is pleasing to mention that M.W. Bro. Joseph A. Hearn, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario was elected Chairman of the 1954 Conference — a kindly tribute to a brother Canadian. The following agenda was then proceeded with, including addresses on:

Freemasonry in The Modern World	Grand Master, Missouri
Freemasonry in Peru	Grand Master, Peru
The Legends of Freemasonry	Grand Master, Indiana
Freemasonry: An Instrument of Social Action	Grand Master, Cuba
Clandestine Masonry in the Middle East	Grand Master, New York
Kipling — The Mason	Grand Master, Iowa

The Committee on information for Fraternal Relations presented an exhaustive report on the regularity or irregularity of the Freemasonry practised in many countries. This was most interesting and informative.

3. The Grand Secretaries' Conference: — A report of this is given in the Report of the Grand Secretary.

4. The Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association:—This organization renders a variety of services to Freemasons, both within the jurisdiction of its member Grand Lodges, and also others outside the U.S.A. It has a rather extensive educational program and M.W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, the executive Secretary, is to be highly congratulated for his untiring efforts in building up a most beneficent organization.

These conferences, beside being of great benefit in meeting the members of other Grand Lodges and discussing the many problems that confront nearly all Grand Lodges, afford an opportunity to get first-hand information from the Committee on Fraternal Relations, which proves of inestimable value in arriving at a decision on fraternal recognition, especially for the smaller Grand Lodges, which are not in a position to obtain the information by their own resources — The World is getting SMALLER and we need BIGGER MASONS to cope with the problems.

The Western Conference at Banff was held in September. There was a goodly attendance of members of the four Western Grand Lodges, and visitors, resulting in two days of very profitable discussion on Masonic Subjects — a full report will be found elsewhere in the proceedings.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The District Meeting is, I believe, the backbone of our organization in this vast jurisdiction. It is perhaps the most effective method of maintaining the necessary contact between the Grand Master and Grand Lodge with the constituent Lodges, but to make the best use of this contact at the Meeting in each and every District, a full attendance of the regular officers of the Lodges is most essential.

It cannot be stressed too strongly, nor too often, that the business of Freemasonry is making MASONS. It is possible that sufficient care has not sometimes been exercised in the proper selection of candidates, and with this thought in mind I suggested as subjects for discussion at the District Meetings, and preferably the afternoon session, the following:

1. Responsibilities of Sponsors — to be taken by Junior Wardens.
2. Duties of Investigating Committees — to be taken by Senior Wardens.
3. Duties of the Examining Board (W.M. elect) — to be taken by W.M.'s and P.M.'s.

The papers presented on these subjects were, in the main, very good, and covered the many points, which with the discussions that followed, should go a long way to acquaint the members of the importance and the necessity of these responsibilities and duties in order that the Lodge may continue to function properly.

The District Meetings were held as follows:

No.	Place	Date	D.D.G.M.
1.	Banff	Sept. 12, 1953	R.W. Bro. W. F. Gray
2.	Brooks	Oct. 21, 1953	R.W. Bro. F. R. Millican
3.	Edmonton	Sept. 23, 1953	R.W. Bro. L. L. Haliburton
4.	Innisfail	July 8, 1953	R.W. Bro. J. J. Letcher
5.	Hardisty	Aug. 6, 1953	R.W. Bro. E. Butcher
6.	High River	Oct. 22, 1953	R.W. Bro. J. M. Blair
7.	Coalhurst	Oct. 14, 1953	R.W. Bro. C. H. Linn
8.	Cowley	Oct. 15, 1953	R.W. Bro. F. A. Tustian, Jr.
9.	Coronation	Aug. 4, 1953	R.W. Bro. M. R. Butterfield
10.	Edmonton	Oct. 8, 1953	R.W. Bro. D. A. Thomson
11.	Nobleford	Oct. 13, 1953	R.W. Bro. Wm. Kane
12.	Edmonton	Sept. 24, 1953	R.W. Bro. C. V. Havard
13.	High Prairie	July 15, 1953	R.W. Bro. W. F. Gilpin
14.	Hanna	Aug. 12, 1953	R.W. Bro. J. A. Waterhouse
15.	Trochu	Aug. 11, 1953	R.W. Bro. A. W. Longson
16.	Rockyford	Aug. 13, 1953	R.W. Bro. W. McMillan
17.	Chauvin	Aug. 6, 1953	R.W. Bro. H. C. Christie
18.	Calgary	Oct. 24, 1953	R.W. Bro. J. M. Gardiner
19.	Edmonton	Sept. 21, 1953	R.W. Bro. H. C. Neal

On May 18th, 1954, I visited Yellowknife Lodge No. 162, not included in any district, accompanied by the Grand Master elect, the Grand Secretary, and M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith. The Brethren in this most northerly Lodge are carrying on a splendid work and upholding the principles of Freemasonry in a most creditable manner. We were received most kindly and our kindest greetings, sincere congratulations and best wishes go to them in the work they are doing.

The District Meetings were generally well attended. It was unfortunate that the meeting for District 18 was called on the day of the Football Finals in Calgary and the evening meeting had to be dispensed with. Perhaps it is regrettable that a football match should take precedence over a Masonic District Meeting. Most of the meetings were enthusiastic and the Lodge officers appeared to be fully aware of the duties of their respective offices and also of the responsibilities that go with the privileges of membership in Freemasonry. My sincere thanks are extended to the District Deputy Grand Masters for their kind co-operation and work.

At the Meetings the following were elected, subject to confirmation, to the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the term 1954-1955. The following places were selected for the 1955 meetings. I have pleasure in recommending these brethren for the office.

District	D.D.G.M. Elected	Meeting Place
1.	W. Bro. Douglas F. Bareham	1 Calgary
2.	W. Bro. Maurice J. S. Lloyd	57 Medicine Hat
3.	W. Bro. Vernon Speare	143 Jasper
4.	W. Bro. G. Z. H. Van Haaften	20 Carstairs
5.	W. Bro. Ernest K. Kirberg	141 Hughenden
6.	W. Bro. Martin H. Wagner	17 Nanton
7.	W. Bro. William D. Hay	119 Milk River
8.	W. Bro. Elmer A. Harper	86 Blairmore
9.	W. Bro. James Stewart Irving	56 Castor
10.	W. Bro. John Wm. G. Morrison	24 Vermilion
11.	W. Bro. Jack H. Thurber	127 Blackie
12.	W. Bro. Arthur T. Potter	101 Edmonton
13.	W. Bro. Harry J. Murray	160 Sexsmith
14.	W. Bro. Egbert O. Coultis	158 Youngstown
15.	W. Bro. John Percival English	125 Delburne
16.	W. Bro. Alfred Hoivik	107 Carbon
17.	W. Bro. John Davidson	44 Wainwright
18.	W. Bro. William J. Wood	48 Crossfield
19.	W. Bro. Robert H. Shears	94 Westlock
	R.W. Bro. Chas. Ernest Garnett	142

The office of District Deputy Grand Master is a most important one, in the proper functioning of the Craft in this Jurisdiction. It is therefore essential that the Brother elected to this office be an "Expert Craftsman", and well versed in the many duties that will devolve upon him during his tenure of office. To help assure getting

the best brother available, and to avoid a rush election at the District Meeting, on which little thought has been given, I would suggest that nominations for District Deputy Grand Master be in the Grand Secretary's office one month before the respective District Meeting, and I do recommend that Grand Lodge give consideration to this matter.

CHARTERS

In compliance with instructions of the last Grand Communication, charters were granted to the following Lodges. I was able, with the assistance of a goodly number of Grand Lodge Officers, to Constitute and Consecrate them in their respective meeting places as follows:

Temple Lodge No. 167, at Edmonton on October 9th, 1953.
Highlands Lodge No. 168, at Edmonton on September 22nd, 1953.
St. George's Lodge No. 169 at Elk Point, on August 7th, 1953.
Avon Glen Lodge No. 170, at Edmonton, on October 7th, 1953.

A large attendance of Brethren was present on each occasion. The best wishes of Grand Lodge are extended to them, and may the G.A.O.U. continue to prosper them in the practice of Freemasonry.

ANNIVERSARIES

I was pleased to attend the Seventieth Anniversary of Bow River Lodge No. 1, Calgary, on January 28th, 1954, and also the Fiftieth Anniversary of Mountain View Lodge No. 16, at Olds on May 12th, 1954. An appropriate celebration was held at each place to commemorate the occasion. Innisfail Lodge No. 8 will attain its Sixtieth Anniversary on July 24th, 1954. I am sure that the best wishes of this Grand Lodge are extended to these pioneer Lodges.

THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

It is a pleasure to advise that the Grand Lodge Bulletin is gaining in circulation and the goal of one copy of each issue to every member is almost attained. The warmest thanks are extended to M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, the Editor, for his untiring efforts, and for the very worth-while publication on Freemasonry that comes out each month.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It became necessary to appoint Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges, on the recommendation of the respective Grand Masters, and also to recommend Representatives from this Grand Lodge. A complete list will appear in the report of the Grand Secretary. I am happy to report that our fraternal relations with other Grand Lodges are most harmonious.

A number of Special Committees were appointed and these will report to this Grand Lodge during the session. A list of these will also appear in the Report of the Grand Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP

Again an increase in our numbers is recorded. The net increase in membership for the past year is 460, making a total membership of 17,012. It is pleasing to note that the number of affiliations is now almost equal to the number of dimissions. There are still a large number of Suspensions for N.P.D. — Why do these Members become disinterested? Brethren, let us see to it that once a Brother is admitted to our ranks that we do not fall down on our part so that he becomes disappointed in his relations with Freemasonry.

BY-LAWS, DISPENSATIONS AND DECISIONS

A number of Amendments to Lodge By-Laws were approved. The dispensations granted were of a general routine nature. A complete list of both will appear in the Report of the Grand Secretary.

1. Requested two Edmonton Lodges to refrain from permitting the Edmonton Chapter of the Order of De Molay to confer their Initiatory Degree as entertainment for Lodge members, until the Order of De Molay has been officially recognized by Grand Lodge.

2. Requested a Lodge to refrain from putting on a "Monte Carlo Night" with funny money, etc., for the entertainment of the Brethren. A program carried on in a Monte Carlo gaming house could not be considered a fit program for a Masonic gathering.

3. Refused permission for the members of the Lodges comprising Districts 1 and 18 (over 2500 resident) to wear regalia at Divine Service, at the request of and to be arranged jointly by both District Deputy Grand Masters.

I am strongly of the opinion that there should be a constitutional clause restricting the wearing of regalia at Divine Service. Freemasonry does not require to be advertised in this manner.

GRAND LODGE CEREMONIALS

The supply of the various Ceremonials of Grand Lodge, Standard By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations is getting quite low, and new ones will have to be printed. These have been in use for many years, and although the Constitution has been amended many times, the necessary alterations have not been made in the Ceremonials. I would therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to revise and bring up-to-date all Grand Lodge Ceremonials, etc. for adoption at the next Communication.

Before closing this report I would like to mention one or two items — not in any thought of criticism — but to further enhance our ability to give our best to Freemasonry. The work of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Office could be greatly simplified if the Masters would consult the Constitution before acting on any matter out of the ordinary procedure. Too much stress cannot be made of the fact that the Book of Constitution, which has been built up through the ages, is recommended for our use, and hardly any difficulty can arise in connection with the administration of the Lodge that reference to the book will not solve.

It has been my privilege to attend a large number of Lodge meetings in the past number of years and after reading some of the notices that have come to my desk I am tempted to offer a word or two of advice to some of our Lodges whose Masters appear to be in danger of forgetting that what goes on in the Lodge is of outstanding importance and that the after-programs are purely secondary. It matters not how eloquent a speaker is nor how many or how varied the entertainment is on the dinner programs, the Worshipful Master has failed in his duty to his Lodge unless he has put the best of his efforts to the great task of making MASONS in the only place they can be made — at the altars of Freemasonry. There is a place in Masonry — and a large place — for social mirth and entertainment, but Masters should never lose their sense of proportion in this matter.

A Masonic Lodge is an organization unique, alike in its policy, its ideas, its aims and its method of attaining these aims. I suggest that we keep it so, and that least of all is it necessary in arranging our meetings and programs, to imitate the methods of any other organization or institution.

Beside attending the District Meetings and Lodge meetings already mentioned, during the year I have visited Lodges whenever convenient, and the many happy occasions will be long remembered and cherished. The reception accorded the Grand Master at some of the smaller Lodges is surely an inspiration. I was honored to be able to leave a small message of Freemasonry to the members at these Lodge meetings.

Sometimes I have been asked, "Why, if Freemasonry is such a splendid thing do we not throw it open to everybody?" "Why don't we go out into the by-ways and highways and bring them in?" "Why do we close and Tyle our doors?" "Why do we compel the applicant to pass the investigation of a committee?" "Why don't we, with open hands, give this splendid thing to everybody?" My Brethren, the answer is simple. Freemasonry is not simply a delightful and splendid possession. It is a matter of giving, not getting. It is a mission, a duty, and opportunity to be open only to those who are capable of rising to the level of that opportunity. It is something which men are not only to enjoy, but to use for the benefit of their fellow men.

Centuries ago the torch of Freemasonry was lighted at the altar fire, and through the years that torch has been handed on from

hand to hand. It has been handed on that it may give light to men, and that light must be given, not by kindling a conflagration, a big bonfire, but by carrying the torch into the dark places. It is the individual torch, my Brother, of your life and mine — making a great light which shines from our fraternity as a whole. That is the reason we have abstained from certain temptations. Sometimes we are tempted to believe that other methods would be better; sometimes we are reproached because we do not have a social program; why we do not put the weight of our organization behind legislation which we as individuals may highly approve. Why? Because Principles unite men but Programs always divide. Thank God we haven't any program. Please God we never shall have one. Why do I say that? In spite of the temptations which beset us to do just that, why do we not do it? It may look sometimes as if it would be very well worth while for this great Fraternity to place its weight solidly behind some political or social cause. What has been our experience on this subject in the past? On every occasion wherever this course has been taken it has led to disaster. When we depart from those tried principles which experience has shown us to be sound, we are on the way to disaster.

My Brethren, if we are to retain the advanced position which we hold today, if we are to carry further the torch which the runners along the way have brought through the centuries and placed in our hands, then we too must be true to the objectives of Freemasonry and not lured away by false lights. If we lose sight of our objective then the torch will fall from our nerveless hands and we shall blunder into the morasses of uncertainty and destruction.

Let us then renew our vows of fidelity to the great principles of Freemasonry, trusting in the power of truth, the worth of character and the wisdom of love. The future of our Fraternity lies in a return to the faith of our fathers, bringing the wisdom of the past to the service of the present, teaching the truth that makes men free, showing in our private lives and public service what Freemasonry means and the kind of citizens it produces. In short, to make of Freemasonry today, on a large scale what it was in former times on a small scale, an order of men, initiated, sworn and trained to make liberty, justice and truth prevail.

Did you ever stop to consider what a beautiful world this would be to live in if every man was inspired by the principles of this Institution? Did you ever stop to consider what a powerful influence on the life and happiness of our country if the nearly two million members of our Order would practise what they preach; if they would make living things of the high ideals to which they give expression? My brethren, just so far as we ourselves practise the simple yet fundamental truths of Freemasonry, just so far will we advance toward the Millenium — Peace and Good Will to all men.

There is a sad need in the world today for a place where men of all nationalities and creeds can meet on common ground. And what better place could there be than at the universal altar of

Freemasonry, where the only creed is that of love and the only faith is that in one common Fatherhood. May this great Fraternity of ours, throughout its length and breadth, awake to its opportunity, realize its purpose and bring to fruition its great mission: the establishment upon earth of - The Universal Brotherhood of Man.

I am deeply appreciative of the many kindnesses extended to me throughout the happiest and the busiest year of my life. It has been a great pleasure to serve you.

Let me close with a beautiful poem by C. C. Hunt:

Our Temple

When our Temple on earth has been finished,
And our tools have been all laid aside,
When the sound of the gavel is silenced,
And on earth we no longer reside,
We shall rise at the Word of the Master,
And remember the way that we grew,
As "The Master of all good workmen
Shall put us to work anew."

We there will build a new Temple
Reflecting the will of our God,
Its portals be easy to enter,
For Love is the entering rod.
Then each Brother shall work without ceasing
And try all his deeds with the square;
He will build the Temple of greatness
For the God who in all things is fair.

"And only the Master shall praise us
And only the Master shall blame."
And each for the love that is in him,
With never a thought of fame,
Shall build his part of the Temple
With a care for each detail;
That will raise a perfect structure,
A work that shall never fail.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. JACKSON,

Grand Master.

MOVED by M.W. Brother H. E. Howard (28), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. F. Empey (51), That the Grand Master's Address be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

In the long history of our Craft there have been many outstanding names. These names are known to all but they are few in number in comparison to the great multitude. The writer of one of the so-called apocryphal books of the Old Testament notes this fact and speaks of those who were not generally known, of whom he says "their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth forevermore." The latter clause is well known to us.

So we today bear in mind those of our Brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge above during the past year. Some of them were well known to most of us, most of them were known only to their own Lodges. To us as Masons we know that they have gone into the presence of the Supreme Grand Master. To us they have just entered into a fuller life although they are sorely missed, by their families and friends.

To the Lodges and the relatives of those departed, we offer our most sincere sympathy.

Our Jurisdiction mourns the loss of 279 Brethren whose names are too many to mention here. They will be printed in the Report of Grand Lodge.

It is only proper that there should be mentioned by name some of our outstanding Brethren.

M.W. Bro. Archibald West, Grand Master 1940. See Memorial Notice in these proceedings.

R.W. Bro. A. Jackson Davis, Grand Treasurer 1937 to 1954 See special Memorial Notice in these proceedings.

Special Mention

R.W. Bro. Henry Sandilands, life member of Jasper No. 14 and Honorary Life member of Strathcona No. 77, Pembina No. 126, and Onoway No. 138. Brother Sandilands was raised in Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love No. 56 at Littlehampton, Sussex, England, 1902. He was the founder of Pentalpha Lodge No. 3164 under Grand Lodge of England in 1904 and Master 1912. Brother Sandilands came to Canada in 1913, Affiliated with Jasper Lodge No. 14, April 13, 1914 and was Secretary from 1920 to 1949. He was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Australia from 1921. He was elected D.D.G.M. in 1920. Bro. Sandilands was a very active Freemason whose advice and help was available to all. He was very well known in Edmonton where he was active as a member of the Canadian Legion and 49th Battalion, Loyal Edmonton Regiment. Brother Sandilands passed to the Grand Lodge above on March 16th, 1954 at the age of 85.

R.W. Bro. H. B. Fowler, Member and Secretary of Jasper Lodge No. 14 also Charter member and first Secretary of Avon Glen Lodge No. 170. Bro. Fowler was initiated into Freemasonry in Jasper Lodge No. 14 May 26th, 1919. He was elected Worshipful Master in 1925 and D.D.G.M. for District No. 12, 1932. He took an active part in the formation of Avon Glen Lodge No. 170 in 1952 and was the first Secretary. He assumed the duties of Secretary of his Mother Lodge in 1948. In private life a Telegrapher and Despatcher for the C.N.R. Bro. Fowler retired in 1947, he was elected to the Edmonton Public School Board in 1948 and held office until his death. His cheerful disposition and readiness to assist endeared him to all and it was a privilege to know him. He was an Elder of the Metropolitan United Church. Bro. Fowler passed to the Grand Lodge above on April 1st, 1954, at the age of 71. He will long be remembered by his Masonic Brethren and all who knew him.

R.W. Bro. William Noble, was initiated into Freemasonry in St. Mark's Lodge No. 118, 29th August, 1921. He was elected Worshipful Master in 1929 and D.D.G.M. of District No. 1 in 1934. He was born in Rochdale, Lancashire, England on April 17th, 1879 and when he came to Calgary, Alberta, followed his trade of Confectioner. 'Noble's Candy' was well and popularly known. Bro. Noble was an active Freemason, whose quiet and sincere manner endeared him to all who knew him. Bro. Noble passed to the Grand Lodge above on February 27th, 1954.

R.W. Bro. A. S. Dick, was initiated into Freemasonry in Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, High River, 23rd March, 1911. He was elected Worshipful Master in 1919 and D.D.G.M. 1937. Bro. Dick hailed from New Brunswick, where he was born 28th May, 1883. He was one of the Oldtime Ranchers of the District where he held the respect of all. He passed to the Grand Lodge above on April 6th, 1954.

R.W. Bro. Rev. W. J. Whelen, a retired Minister of the United Church of Canada, who came West from Ontario in 1911. He was initiated in Cavell Lodge No. 125 at Delburne, May 7th, 1914 and transferred his membership to affiliate with the Lodge nearest to his work. He was a member of Edmonton Lodge No. 7 when he passed away suddenly on March 23rd, 1954, in his 72nd year. Bro. Whelen was elected Worshipful Master of Forestburg Lodge No. 128 in 1939 and he served Grand Lodge as Grand Chaplain, being elected both in 1947 and 1948. He was a real pioneer in the West and he loved his work as he was loved by those with whom he ministered.

V.W. Bro. John A. Mason, one of the oldtimers of the West passed to the Grand Lodge above on October 18th, 1953. Bro. Mason came to the N.W.T. to teach at the Piegan Indian Reserve west of Fort Macleod in 1893, later he worked for the N.W.T. Survey Department, the Town of North Battleford and the Federal Government. Bro. Mason was raised in Battle Lodge No. 19 G.R.S. North Battleford, Sask. and was elected Worshipful Master in 1929. He affiliated with Unity Lodge No. 51 in 1930 and served the Lodge faithfully until his passing. He was appointed Grand Senior Deacon in 1940.

Bro. Mason celebrated his eightieth birthday October 17th, 1953. He was very well known and beloved by all who had the honour

of knowing him. He lived as a Freemason should and truly may it be said "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Wor. Bro. Gilbert Tremere, A Charter member of Concord Lodge No. 124 having affiliated from Georgina Lodge No. 343, G.L. Canada in Ontario, where he was raised in 1909. At the time of his death he was Secretary of his Lodge and had served them faithfully for many years and was well and favorably known. He will be sadly missed in Concord Lodge.
Let us pray

Almighty God with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh are in joy and felicity. We praise and magnify Thy Holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course in Thy faith and fear; and we most humbly beseech Thee that at the day of the general resurrection we, and all they who are of the Mystical body of Thy Son, may be set on His right hand and hear His most joyful voice. "Come ye blessed of My Father inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, and O Heavenly Father, help us accordingly to trust our loved ones to Thy care. When sorrow darkens our lives, help us to look up to Thee, remembering the cloud of witnesses by which we are compassed about; and grant that we on earth, rejoicing ever in Thy presence may share with Thee the rest and peace which Thy presence gives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESOLVED on motion of R.W. Brother Canon W. H. Morgan (165), seconded by R.W. Brother John Booth (51), That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted and the sympathy of this Grand Lodge be extended to those Lodges and Grand Lodges concerned. Carried.

HONORING OF W. Bro. JAMES COOK

W. Bro. James Cook was presented at the Altar by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Grand Secretary: I introduce to you W. Bro. James Cook. He is the oldest living past master of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 having been Master in 1901. He is the only living man who was at the meeting in Calgary in May, 1905, called by Bow River No. 1 for the formation of this Grand Lodge. W. Bro. Cook was born in London, England on 14th June, 1869, and will be 85 this week end. He is now living in Creston, B.C., and is past master of Creston Lodge. He is 85 years old and I think is one of the two living members present at the start of this Grand Lodge, October, 1905. May I suggest we honor his birthday today.

(All Brethren rose and sang "Happy Birthday to You").

W. Bro. Cook: Thank you, Worshipful Master, and Brethren all.

The Grand Secretary: M.W. Sir: I see another brother here who is present from a great distance, Bro. M. J. U. Munshey from Lodge Industry No. 873, G.R.E., Hyderabad Sind, West Pakistan.

The Grand Master: We are very happy to welcome you here to our Grand Lodge and hope you will get some little inspiration from Freemasonry as you see it in this Province of ours. We are happy you are here.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard: M.W. Grand Master and Brethren: It was a great blow to a great many of us when R.W. Bro. Davis so suddenly passed away and the M.W. the Grand Master asked me to accept the office of Grand Treasurer pro-tem so that the various functions could be carried on.

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta M.W. Sir and Brethren, I submit herewith the report of the Grand Treasurer for the year ending April 30th, 1954.

GENERAL FUND

Balance in the bank, May 1st, 1953	\$ 10,097.07	
Receipts from Lodges	37,157.57	
Refund from Relief Fund	3,235.00	
Superannuation payments	116.62	
Cheques issued		30,520.44
Balance in Bank, April 30th, 1954		20,085.82
	<u>\$ 50,606.26</u>	<u>50,606.26</u>

RELIEF FUND

Balance in Bank, May 1st, 1953	7,924.52	
Per capita Tax	2,567.55	
Interest, Bonds and Bank	10,070.04	
Refunds from Lodges	343.20	
Dominion of Canada, 1954 bond redeemed	5,000.00	
York Lodge No. 119	60.00	
Payments to Beneficiaries		9,434.27
Refund to General Fund		3,235.00
Refund to Benevolent Fund		5.67
Exchange		2.30
Balance, Bank of Nova Scotia, Savings, April 30th, 1954		13,288.07
	<u>25,965.31</u>	<u>25,965.31</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND

Balance in Bank, May 1st, 1953	369.42	
Transfer from Relief Fund	5.67	
Interest on Savings	3.58	
Balance, Bank of Nova Scotia, Savings account, April 30th, 1954		378.67
	\$ 378.67	378.67

A detailed account of Receipts and Disbursements is fully set forth in the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Auditor.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY E. HOWARD,

Grand Treasurer, Pro Tem.

MOVED by M.W. Brother H. E. Howard (28), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), That the Report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance. Carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present herewith the Forty-ninth report of your Grand Secretary, together with a statement of monies received from the Lodges and Lodge Balances for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1954. The Statement of receipts and expenditures and assets and liabilities, as at that date, will be found in the Auditors report.

I also include herewith statement of Certificates issued and other statistical data relating to the transactions of the Grand Lodge Office.

Before proceeding with the various items, I should like to record in this, my first, report that I assumed the duties of Grand Secretary on October 1st, 1953, on which date M.W. Brother George Moore, due to failing health, stepped aside after having held the office since 1943. M.W. Brother Moore accompanied the M.W. The Grand Master to the majority of the District meetings during the summer, as well as two of the four Consecrations held during the year and attended to all the work during a busy summer season. I was fortunate indeed to have his advice so readily available to me until he moved to Kelowna in February, 1954. I should like to record my appreciation of the help, ungrudgingly given, during the first few months in office.

LODGES

Pyramid Lodge No. 108 surrendered its Charter on November 2nd, 1953 and there are now 157 Chartered Lodges with two under

Dispensation, on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., with a total membership, as at December 31st, 1953, of 17,012.

PROCEEDINGS

Six hundred copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with previous instructions of Grand Lodge. Two copies are sent to each Lodge and a third if requested. It is recommended that the same number be printed this year.

CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Section 75 of the Constitution, Certificates have been issued to all of the Elected and Appointed Officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 869 new Master Mason's Certificates to Brethren raised during the year.

Life Membership and Honorary Life Membership Certificates have been issued to 131 members.

Past Masters Certificates have been issued to 136 Past Masters, whose Lodges applied for them.

FIFTY YEAR JEWELS

Fifty year Jewels were forwarded at the request of the different Lodges for the following Brethren, during the year:

Alberta No. 3	Bro. William F. Currie
Vermilion No. 24	W. Bro. A. W. Roseborough
Camrose No. 37	R.W. Bro. W. J. Brady
Unity No. 51	Bro. Hector Milne
Bassano No. 55	W. Bro. James Johnston
King George No. 59	Bro. Robert Cook
Zetland No. 83	R.W. Bro. David Patterson
	W. Bro. W. H. A. Thompson
	Bro. W. H. Price
Crescent No. 87	V.W. Bro. Peter Logie
	W. Bro. R. C. Stevenson
	W. Bro. M. Chidlow
	W. Bro. G. L. Chesney
	W. Bro. J. M. Bodie
Drumheller No. 146	R.W. Bro. W. R. Fulton

It is a privilege to pay tribute to these Brethren for their long and faithful service.

BY-LAWS

The M.W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the following By-Laws:

Empire No. 63	June 15, 1953
Highlands No. 168	February 19, 1954

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Bow River No. 1	April 7, 1954
Grassy Lake No. 57	April 8, 1954
King George No. 59	February 12, 1954
Vulcan No. 74	April 7, 1953
Hanna No. 78	March 1, 1954
Wahpun No. 88	February 11, 1954
Norwood No. 90	December 1, 1953
Kitchener No. 95	April 7, 1953
Hand Hill No. 98	November 18, 1953
West Edmonton No. 101	May 6, 1953
Edgerton No. 102	November 3, 1953
Craigmyle No. 132	January 12, 1954
Ancient Landmark No. 163	April 1, 1954

DISPENSATIONS

To wear Regalia at Divine Service	29
To Install and Invest out of time	9
To Elect and Invest out of time	13
To Invest out of time	4
To change the night of Regular Meeting	42
To change the hour of Regular Meeting	7
To Receive and Act with Physical Disability	1
To Withdraw the Petition	15
To change the place of Regular Meeting	3
To Receive and Act without Residence Qualifications	7
To Regularize Balloting at Emergent Meeting	1
To move to new Quarters	1
To Confer Degrees out of time	4
To deal with Application for Reinstatement out of time	1

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Commissions of the M.W. the Grand Master appointing Grand Representatives near the following Grand Lodges, on recommendation of their respective Grand Masters were issued as follows:

ARGENTINA	Wor. Bro. Raul P. Cardoso
ARIZONA	Bro. Henry W. Beumler
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	Bro. Orville E. Megby
MINNESOTA	M.W. Bro. Edwin E. Simon
NORTH CAROLINA	R.W. Bro. Jos. Gracey Miller
PANAMA	W.Bro. Carlos S. Morales
VIRGINIA	Bro. Archer B. Gay
WASHINGTON	W.Bro. Archie W. Shiels

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Alberta, the following were commissioned as Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Alberta:

ALABAMA	R.W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan
ARGENTINA	V.W. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder
ENGLAND	M.W. Bro. Sam Harris
LOUISIANA	W. Bro. W. A. Noble
MANITOBA	M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson
MISSISSIPPI	W. Bro. E. H. Mitchell
MISSOURI	V.W. Bro. W. J. N. Leslie
NEW SOUTH WALES	R.W. Bro. Wes. H. Jackson
PANAMA	V.W. Bro. G. B. Thorn
RHODE ISLAND	R.W. Bro. Chas. T. Schon
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	R.W. Bro. Ronald Martland
SOUTH CAROLINA	R.W. Bro. Reg. F. Lawrence
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	R.W. Bro. T. B. Donald

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master:

Masonic Research and Education and Bulletin

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88) was appointed Editor of the Bulletin and Chairman of Research and Education.

Grand Master's Address

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88) Chairman.
M.W. Bro. W. A. Henry (51).
M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51).

Grand Secretary's Report

M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28) Chairman.
M.W. Bro. W. F. Empey (51).
M.W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond (137).

Fraternal Dead

R.W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan (165) Chairman.
R.W. Bro. John Booth (51).
V.W. Bro. A. W. Trickey (28).

Grand Historian

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88).

Committee on the Work

M.W. Bro. Waldo F. Empey (51), appointed in place of
M.W. Bro. John Martland (63), resigned.

Public Liability Insurance

V.W. Bro. Charles M. MacLeod (142) Chairman.
R.W. Bro. Ronald Martland (63).
V.W. Bro. David Little (7).
Wor. Bro. J. Alvin Tupper (7).
Wor. Bro. W. G. Stillman (142).
(Others to be added by the Chairman, if desired.)

Fiftieth Anniversary

M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28) Chairman.
 R.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert (24) S.G.W.
 M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88).
 M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134).
 M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald (83).

Membership

Total membership (corrected) as at December 31st, 1952. 16,552

Increase:

Initiated	843	
Passed	883	
Raised	869	
Affiliated	216	
Reinstated	54	
	—	1,113

Decrease:

Dimitted	249	
Suspended N.P.D.	124	
Suspended U.M.C.	1	
Died	279	
	—	653

Net Increase 460

Total Membership as at December 31st, 1953. 17,012

COURTESY DEGREES

During the year we have conferred twenty Courtesy Degrees for Sister Jurisdictions and have requested twelve for our own members who have moved elsewhere.

CONSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION OF NEW LODGES

Temple Lodge No. 167, Edmonton, was Constituted and Consecrated October 9th, 1953.

Highlands Lodge No. 168, Edmonton, was Constituted and Consecrated September 22nd, 1953.

St. George's Lodge No. 169, Elk Point, was Constituted and Consecrated August 7th, 1953.

Avon Glen Lodge No. 170, Edmonton, was Constituted and Consecrated October 9th, 1953.

Reports of the Especial Communications will be found in the front of these proceedings.

INSTITUTION OF NEW LODGES

No new Lodges have been instituted during the current year. We have applications for Charters from Barrhead and Milo, both of which have been operating under Dispensation since just prior to Grand Lodge in 1953.

DISTRICT MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

I attended the Grand Master at the District Meetings held at Innisfail (4), Edmonton (10), Nobleford (11), Lethbridge (7), Cowley (8), Brooks (2), High River (6), and Calgary (18), as well as three of the four Constitutions and several Installation ceremonies.

In company with the M.W. The Grand Master I journeyed to Washington D.C. in February, 1954, to attend the series of Conferences held there annually. It was a most interesting experience. The Grand Secretaries' Conferences was held on February 23rd, 1954. There were 62 Grand Secretaries present, including six from Canada. The papers given and the discussion that took place enabled those attending to derive considerable benefit from the meeting, and it also indicated that the problems that beset the various Grand Lodge offices do not vary a great deal. The following is the Agenda that was arranged and carried out:

1. Uniformity of Procedures among Grand Lodge Secretaries: Presented by R.W. Bro. Chandler C. Thomas of New Mexico. Discussion led by R.W. Bro. N. Arthur Hyland of Rhode Island.

2. Lodge Attendance: Presented by M.W. Bro. R. A. Tate of Saskatchewan. Discussion led by R.W. Bro. Dwight L. Smith, Indiana.

3. Increased Responsibility of Investigating Committees: Presented by R.W. Bro. Charles H. Stubinger of Alabama. Discussion led by R.W. Bro. Irving E. Clark of Wyoming.

4. Annual Returns, Make-up, Requirements, Penalties, etc.: Presented by R.W. Bro. Paul W. Grossenbach (read in his absence through illness by R.W. Bro. Carl W. Hofmeister, D.G.M. of Wisconsin). Discussion led by R.W. Bro. Julian B. Hollingsworth of West Virginia.

The system followed is that the Brother who prepares the paper sends a copy to the Brother who is to lead the discussion and in this manner a great deal more can be realized from the subject.

The Grand Secretaries' Conference concluded with a banquet, the principal speaker being Brother Robert F. Patterson of South Dakota, who delivered a very inspiring message.

SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS

The very large majority of Lodge Secretaries had their returns in in good time, but it was the last week in April before we received the final check and were able to get to work on the statistical table. Some Secretaries appear to run into difficulties in the compiling of the returns and seem to worry considerably about them. I would ask that if there are difficulties, they communicate with Grand Lodge at an early date so that, if it is possible, we can be of assistance. It is not very fair to keep us waiting until April for a return that is due January 30th! We have run into some difficulties with the card system and have found in many instances that, whilst numbers are correct, there is a difference in names. We do not propose to

waste time searching for the cause of this, but will be communicating with Secretaries, hoping to enlist their aid to get an absolutely correct list of members.

CHAIN LETTERS

In reading the various Proceedings of other Grand Lodges on this Continent, it is observed that many are bothered with chain letters. They have been universally condemned. There has been a flood of them in Alberta during recent weeks; I received five in one day. Brethren, if you want the chain broken send them in, they all go in the waste paper basket. It is such a silly habit not worthy of Members of our great Order.

We have had a successful year in the Grand Lodge of Alberta and for the first time our numbers exceed 17,000. During the year one Lodge, after a considerable period of trial, surrendered its Charter, but nearly all other Lodges report good progress. There seems to be a renewed interest in Masonic Education, which is very commendable. May I urge each Worshipful Master to take one night during his term of office and study the Constitution. We have a great many enquiries in the office, in regard to procedure which need not be made if the enquirer would but read the Constitution. No one but Grand Lodge has the right to vary the rules as laid down, and each Member, especially each Officer, should familiarize himself with its contents.

May I voice my thanks to our Grand Master for his patient and kindly guidance during the first months of my tenure of this office. M.W. Bro. Jackson has been an active Freemason for over 43 years and through long study and practical application has acquired much knowledge as to what is best for the Craft. Some may think that sticking to the Rules as approved is irksome, but the days in which we live are short, and it will prove best in the long run to stay close to the rules that have been tried and not found wanting over the centuries.

I have already voiced my thanks to M.W. Bro. Moore and I had hoped that I would have been able on this day to say a fervent "thank you" to R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis. This, however, is not to be, as but a week before I write this report, "A. J." has been suddenly taken from us. R.W. Bro. Davis was a faithful servant of this Grand Lodge for a great many years and he will be sorely missed in the Grand Lodge office. Tribute to Bro. Davis will be found elsewhere in these proceedings.

I would like to thank the District Deputy Grand Masters, who were ever ready to respond to requests for assistance in their respective districts, and also the Lodge Secretaries. No one realizes more than I the work that the Lodge Secretaries are called on to do. Other Lodge officers come and go, but the Secretary is called upon to keep things on an even keel. Thanks Brethren for your co-operation.

Lastly, but by no means least, my thanks to the office staff. Miss Scott did very well under difficult conditions last summer until

the return of Miss Butler from an extended holiday overseas, refreshed and ready to tackle the unending problems that every mail brings to us.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. RIVERS, Grand Secretary.

Moved on motion of R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers (51), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. H. Harper (134), that the Report of the Grand Secretary, except the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report and the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance. Carried.

The Grand Master: It is just a little before noon and we are going to get our picture taken and we will call Grand Lodge off now.

The Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment at 11:50 a.m.

Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year ending April 30th, 1954

Statement of Debits, Credits and Monies received from Lodges
between May 1st, 1953 and April 30th, 1954

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
1.	Bow River	\$ 15.80		\$ 457.95
2.	Medicine Hat	5.20		566.65
3.	Alberta	9.60		231.15
4.	North Star	4.75		397.50
5.	Cascade	1.00		387.00
6.	Spitzie	9.00		200.20
7.	Edmonton		2.75	763.30
8.	Innisfail		.25	211.45
9.	Perfection	21.65		847.30
10.	Eureka	6.80		248.70
11.	Acacia		2.35	779.75
12.	Red Deer			298.45
13.	Victoria			176.65
14.	Jasper	2.00		334.20
15.	Wetaskiwin	23.20		217.70
16.	Mountain View	9.10		205.55
17.	Nanton	8.65		157.40
18.	Britannia			220.85
19.	Cornerstone	2.50		311.00
20.	Carstairs	.75		99.20
21.	King Hiram	12.75		169.70
22.	Corinthian	5.60		340.50
23.	Calgary	12.25		421.05
24.	Vermillion			317.34
25.	St. John's			272.45
26.	Sentinel			150.75
27.	Apollo			206.55
28.	Ashlar			387.65
29.	Kenilworth	1.80		286.95
30.	Summit	5.95		149.25
31.	Doric			169.75
32.	Cairo	6.00		205.85
33.	Stavely			119.11
34.	Star of the West			123.00

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
35.	Mizpah			402.45
36.	Gleichen	5.85		139.20
37.	Camrose	20.00		279.40
38.	Hope	1.25		176.05
39.	Lethbridge	5.00		414.85
40.	Joppa		2.20	109.30
41.	King Solomon	1.00		168.75
42.	Bowden	1.90		100.10
43.	Tuscan	3.65		91.55
44.	Buffalo Park			175.90
45.	Ionic			60.10
46.	Palestine		.90	131.55
47.	Chinook	2.70		67.20
48.	Crossfield	4.75		160.85
49.	Robert Burns	1.00		95.70
50.	Comet			120.78
51.	Unity	11.50		777.60
53.	Strathmore			342.65
54.	Mount Lebanon		.75	355.33
55.	Bassano			214.20
56.	Beaver		1.00	88.76
57.	Grassy Lake	12.75		115.35
58.	Chief Mountain	5.45		184.56
59.	King George			631.05
60.	Acme	.50		105.95
61.	Provost	1.85		163.35
62.	Melrose	3.70		142.50
63.	Empire			259.10
64.	Bow Island			136.10
65.	Diamond City		.30	77.55
66.	St. Andrew's			157.39
67.	Charity			189.20
68.	Edson	1.05		460.20
69.	Connaught	.80		132.60
70.	Quarry		2.35	84.65
71.	Tawatinaw	1.50		130.20
72.	Coronation	2.02		189.08
73.	Brooks			245.60
74.	Vulcan			231.70
75.	Harmony	1.15		96.95
76.	Fidelity			217.90
77.	Strathcona	8.75		392.80
78.	Hanna		2.75	271.60
79.	Morning Star			81.90
80.	Excelsior	1.00		51.35
81.	Commercial	14.15		523.30
82.	Acadia	.75		87.00
83.	Zetland	46.70		561.85
84.	Champion	6.10		123.75
86.	Rocky Mountain	1.55		182.90
87.	Crescent		.40	665.05
88.	Wahpun	2.15		119.70

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
89.	Peace River	15.00		286.80
90.	Norwood			509.65
91.	Patricia	14.50		454.95
92.	Saskatchewan			393.85
93.	Symbol	26.25		312.85
94.	Lamont		1.50	123.82
95.	Kitchener	24.40		61.00
96.	Dynamic			91.55
97.	Albion			94.75
98.	Hand Hill			150.85
100.	Century		.91	228.30
101.	West Edmonton	3.50		459.00
102.	Edgerton			93.15
103.	Foremost	15.60		118.14
104.	Oyen	27.40		164.33
105.	Grande Prairie		1.15	349.50
106.	Lake Saskatoon		3.13	78.45
107.	Carbon	.30		195.82
108.	Pyramid		517.66	480.00
111.	Nobleford		8.30	61.15
113.	Cyprus	2.40		91.50
114.	Westlock	26.50		197.85
115.	Crocus	6.60		58.75
116.	Spirit River		24.65	157.85
117.	Dominion	7.50		404.15
118.	St. Mark's	12.70		342.00
119.	York			310.45
120.	Monitor	13.10		118.45
121.	Clive		56.00	
122.	Rising Sun		40.00	
123.	Rockyford			162.90
124.	Concord		.50	465.15
125.	Cavell		2.75	107.45
126.	Pembina	14.45		75.50
127.	Granite	4.75		178.25
128.	Forestburg	25.52		107.65
129.	Meridian		5.30	157.97
130.	Hussar	4.75		98.50
131.	Kitscoty		3.75	125.25
132.	Craigmyle	4.45		89.25
133.	Manyberries		3.42	115.27
134.	Renfrew	1.00		525.40
135.	Alliance	4.03		108.15
136.	Cresset			106.45
137.	Irricana	32.90		160.30
138.	Onoway	.05		73.87
140.	Big Valley	5.25		163.10
141.	Efficiency	47.25		124.33
142.	Ivanhoe	6.20		427.55
143.	Jasper Park	15.00		247.60
144.	Gratton	6.04		84.26
145.	St. Alban's	81.85		64.25

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
146.	Drumheller	2.70		235.90
147.	Northland			186.25
148.	Mayerthorpe	5.09		108.15
151.	Lochearn	5.65		199.25
152.	Standard			108.05
153.	Whitecourt			124.15
154.	Waskatenau		.05	72.05
156.	Hythe	.75		179.95
157.	Sharon	1.82		106.98
158.	Berry Creek	3.15		107.90
159.	Lucerne	3.45		93.95
160.	Sexsmith	5.95		124.95
161.	Empress		3.19	139.85
162.	Yellowknife	14.00		206.01
163.	Ancient Landmark			96.40
164.	Gateway		5.30	134.89
165.	Canada	25.90		328.29
166.	Evergreen			155.63
167.	Temple	1.00		213.95
168.	Highlands			135.90
169.	St. George's		20.25	122.85
170.	Avon Glen		1.40	239.10
U.D.	Barrhead		9.50	146.70
U.D.	Milo		5.15	299.65
		<u>\$ 853.57</u>	<u>\$729.86</u>	<u>\$35,980.37</u>
Masonic Dist. No. 4		145.00		145.00
Masonic Dist. No. 7				145.75
Masonic Dist. No. 8				145.00
Masonic Dist. No. 11				137.50
Masonic Dist. No. 13		145.00		137.40
Masonic Dist. No. 14				145.00
Masonic Dist. No. 15				145.00
Masonic Dist. No. 16				137.50
Sundry a/c		4.75		39.05
		<u>\$1,148.32</u>	<u>\$729.86</u>	<u>\$37,157.57</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

I have made an examination of the books and accounts of your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the fiscal period ending April 30th, 1954, and have obtained all information and explanations I have required. I report that I am of the opinion that the foregoing Balance Sheet and accompanying Revenue and Surplus Accounts and Statements of Receipts and Disbursements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., according to the best of my information and the explanation given to me, and as shown by the books.

CALGARY, ALBERTA

MAY 20, 1954

Wm. IRELAND,

Chartered Accountant

AUDITOR

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.**Benevolent Fund Capital Account as at April 30, 1954**

Balance May 1, 1953	232,947.14
Affiliation Fees	70.00
Interest on Savings	3.58
Balance to Balance Sheet	232,020.72

RELIEF FUND SURPLUS ACCOUNT**As at April 30, 1954**

Balance May 1, 1953	93,459.81
Membership Fees	4,155.96
Interest Earnings	9,359.98
Refund from Lodges	343.20
	107,318.95
Less Cheques to Beneficiaries	9,434.27
„ Provision for Pension Fund	1,000.00
„ Exchange	2.30
	10,436.57
Balance to Balance Sheet	\$96,882.38

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Benevolent Fund

From May 1, 1953, to April 30, 1954

Balance in Savings Account May 1, 1953 . . .	369.42	
Transfer from Relief Fund	5.67	
Interest on Savings Account	3.58	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia Savings Account April 30, 1954		378.67
	378.67	378.67

Relief Fund

Balance in Savings Account May 1, 1953 . . .	7,924.52	
Per Capita Tax	2,567.55	
Interest Earnings—		
Government of Canada Bonds	8,855.00	
Province of Ontario Bonds	300.00	
Ontario Hydro Electric Bonds	600.00	
Province of New Brunswick Bonds	227.50	
Bank Interest	87.54	
	10,070.04	
Refunds from Lodges	343.20	
Government of Canada 1954 Bonds		
Redeemed	5,000.00	
York Lodge 119	60.00	
Payments to Beneficiaries		9,434.27
Refund to General Fund		3,235.00
Refund to Benevolent Fund		5.67
Exchange		2.30
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia Savings Account April 30, 1953		13,288.07
	25,965.31	25,965.31

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For 12 Months Ended April 30, 1954

Revenue

Membership Fees		20,779.79
Initiation Fees		1,677.00
Certificate Fees		1,904.00
Dispensations		210.00
Life Membership Fees		129.00
Affiliation Fees		429.00
Charter Fees		140.00
		25,268.79
Interest on Bonds		270.00
Supplies Sold	3,100.36	
Less Cost	1,980.76	
		1,119.60
Regalia and Jewels Sold	1,548.40	
Less Cost	1,320.65	
		227.75
Bulletin Revenue	2,597.09	
Less Cost	2,470.15	
		126.94
		1,744.29
		27,013.08

Expenditures

Salaries	10,585.56
Rent and Light	1,920.00
Telephone and Telegrams	147.47
Postage and Express	468.93
Audit Fee	300.00
Office and General Expense	202.91
Insurance Fire and Fidelity	40.21
Unemployment Insurance	75.40
Interest and Exchange	100.48
Workmen's Compensation	70.76
Engraving Costs	145.05
Safety Deposit Box Rental	22.50
Repairs Regalia	16.45
Repairs re Cupboards	103.37
Flowers	41.00
	14,180.09

Printing

Proceedings	1,651.19	
General	988.01	
		2,639 20

Travelling Expenses

Grand Master	1,200.00	
Grand Officers	1,096.65	
Washington Conference	625.27	
		2,921.92

Grand Lodge Expense

Annual Communication	1,090.91	
Expenses District Deputies	900.00	
Banff Conference	544.50	
All Canada Conference	361.71	
Library	4.50	
		2,901.62
Provision for Pension Fund		1,000.00
Fiftieth Anniversary Reserve		1,000.00

Depreciation

Regalia	159.82	
Furniture and Fixtures	122.65	
		282.47
Excess of Income over Expenditures		24,925.30
		2,087.78

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
From May 1, 1953, to April 30, 1954

RECEIPTS

Balance in Bank May 1, 1953	10,097.07
Receipts from Lodges	35,980.37
Sales of Regalia and Jewels	1,177.20
Superannuation Payments	116.62
Refund from Relief Fund	3,235.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	10,585.56
Printing	2,639.20
Rent and Light	1,920.00
Postage and Express	408.93
Telephone and Telegrams	147.47
Audit Fees	300.00
Office and General Expense	202.91
Engraving Costs	145.05
Repairs	119.82
Interest and Exchange	100.48
Unemployment Insurance	75.40
Workmen's Compensation	70.76
Flowers	41.00
Insurance Fire and Fidelity	40.21
Safety Deposit Box	22.50
	16,819.29

Travelling Expenses

Grand Master	1,200.00
Grand Officers	1,096.65
Washington Conference	625.27
All Canada Conference	361.71
	3,823.63

Grand Lodge Expense

Annual Communication	1,090.91
District Deputy Expenses	900.00
Banff Conference	544.50
Grand Lodge Library	4.50
	2,539.91

Supplies purchased	880.19
Regalia purchased for resale	1,089.65
Regalia for District No. 19	124.55
Furniture and Fixtures	219.32
Bulletin Expense	2,470.15
Fifty Year Jewels	402.00
	5,185.86

Transfer to Relief Fund

Taxes and Expenses re Pyramid Lodge No. 108	124.20
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia	20,085.82
	\$50,606.26

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Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

LIST OF SECURITIES AS AT APRIL 30th, 1954

Benevolent Fund Investment Account

Dominion of Canada:	Rate of Interest	Par Value	Cost	Annual Interest	Accrued Interest
Perpetual	3 %	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 29,089.43	\$ 915.00	\$ 136.31
May 1, 1957	3 %	10,000.00	10,000.00	300.00	150.00
Sept. 1, 1966	3 %	55,000.00	57,681.25	1,650.00	275.75
June 15, 1968	2 3/4 %	130,000.00	129,350.00	3,575.00	1,322.25
		\$225,500.00	\$226,120.68	\$ 6,440.00	\$ 1,884.31
Province of New Brunswick:					
Sept. 15, 1965	3 1/2 %	6,500.00	6,451.37	227.50	112.81
		\$232,000.00	\$232,572.05	\$ 6,667.50	\$ 1,997.12
Dominion of Canada:	Relief Fund Investment	Account			
Feb. 1, Perpetual	3 %	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,987.50	\$ 150.00	\$ 36.58
Sept. 15, Perpetual	3 %	15,000.00	15,461.31	450.00	56.71
Nov. 1, 1956	3 %	3,000.00	3,000.00	90.00	45.00
Jan. 1, 1959	3 %	10,000.00	10,000.00	300.00	100.00
June 1, 1960	3 %	5,000.00	5,000.00	150.00	60.41
Feb. 1, 1962	3 1/2 %	500.00	500.00	15.00	3.66
Sept. 1, 1966	3 %	7,000.00	7,338.75	210.00	35.09
June 15, 1968	2 3/4 %	6,000.00	5,970.00	165.00	61.02
		\$ 51,500.00	\$ 52,257.56	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 398.47
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario:					
July 2, 1964	3 %	20,000.00	19,975.00	600.00	200.00
Province of Ontario:					
Dec. 15, 1970	3 %	10,000.00	9,012.50	300.00	11.25
		\$ 81,500.00	\$ 81,245.06	\$ 2,430.00	\$ 609.72
Dominion of Canada:	General Fund and Superannuation Fund				
Feb. 1, Perpetual	3 %	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,987.50	\$ 150.00	\$ 36.57
Sept. 1, 1966	3 %	5,000.00	4,743.75	150.00	25.06
June 15, 1968	2 3/4 %	14,000.00	13,930.00	385.00	142.39
		\$ 24,000.00	\$ 23,661.25	\$ 685.00	\$ 204.02

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

(Edmonton

FIRST DAY (Afternoon Session)

Labour was resumed at 2:00 p.m.

The Grand Master: Brethren, I declare labor resumed in this Grand Lodge.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION OF GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master: I have great pleasure in announcing that Rt. W. Bro. Peter Dawson is elected Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction for the ensuing year (Applause). Now we will go on with our reports.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the M.W. the Grand Master,
Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,

Regular meetings of the Board were held by this Committee during the year and all financial business of Grand Lodge carefully considered and the Financial Statements are now in your hands.

It is with deep regret that we have lost the valuable services of R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis as Grand Treasurer. He had acted in this office for the past 17 years.

I wish to express my appreciation to M.W. Brother H. E. Howard for carrying on during my temporary absence.

The Auditor has regularly examined the books and accounts, and his Financial Statement has been printed and distributed. All bonds were examined by the Auditor.

You will note the Grand Lodge Bulletin shows a small credit of \$126.94, which includes postage.

We are again budgeting for \$1,000.00 towards the expenses of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Grand Lodge, which will take place in 1955. This makes a total to date of \$3,000.00 for the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration.

We recommend the D.D.G.M's be paid the sum of \$50.00 for services rendered for the year 1953-1954.

EMPLOYEES' SUPERANNUATION FUND

The annual allotments of \$1,000.00 from the General Fund and \$1,000.00 from the Relief Fund, as authorized by Grand Lodge, have been transferred to the Superannuation Fund.

Balance due from Lodges and Districts amounts to \$1,148.32 which includes regalia and supplies, some of which has since been paid.

The Budget for the year 1954-1955 is attached herewith and is submitted for your approval.

The Auditor's Statement shows a net surplus for the year of \$2,087.78, which amount has been transferred to the General Fund reserve.

We would recommend that M.W. Brother William Ireland, C.A., be appointed Auditor for the current year and be paid the sum of \$300.00 for services.

The Albertan Job Press has been awarded the contract to print 600 copies of the 1954 Proceedings, at a cost of \$4.45 per page.

For the information of the Brethren it should be noted that Grand Lodge does business practically on a cash basis and all bills not paid by April 30th of each year are carried over into the next year.

We recommend to the Lodges that they should pay their accounts quarterly and to assist them to do this and to keep the records accurate, a statement will in future be sent from Grand Lodge Office quarterly to each Lodge. We wish to point out that Grand Lodge has to pay exchange on all cheques issued outside Calgary, unless exchange has been added by the Lodge and we recommend that the policy invoked many years ago of charging the Lodges exchange on all cheques of less than \$5.00, be strictly adhered to in the future. We would suggest that if the accounts are paid quarterly there will not be any cheques of less than \$5.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. CUMMING,
Chairman.

Moved by M. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), Seconded by M. W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28), that the report of the Committee on Finance and the Budget for 1954-1955 be received and adopted.

W. Bro. Mark W. Robertson (14): I would like to move, seconded by W. Bro. Charles Sinclair (170), that the report given in regard to the Grand Master's allowance; that the allowance of the Grand Master be increased from \$1,200 to \$2,000 per annum retroactive to the 1st of May, 1954.

The Grand Master: Any discussion on this amendment?

M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming: I presume Worshipful Bro. Robertson has not read the Constitution. The Grand Master — and there is no committee in this Jurisdiction to stop him — and it is in the Constitution — I put it in there myself — can demand funds any time to go any place he pleases. He authorizes and we have no alternative but to sign a cheque. In place of carrying this amendment leave it as it is and if he needs the extra money, all he needs to do is come and ask for it.

The Grand Master: In any case, Brethren, this is just an estimate. It does not say he is to be within the estimate granted here but if you like to make this amendment and if there is no further discussion on the amendment are all in favour of the amendment?

(Vote taken and amendment lost).

The Grand Master: Now we will take the motion adopting the report. Are you ready? Further discussion? If not -- all in favour?

(Motion carried).

The Grand Master: I declare the report as adopted.

BUDGET, 1954-1955

Receipts	Estimated	Actual	1954-1955
Membership Fees	\$20,000.00	\$20,779.79	\$20,000.00
Initiation Fees	1,500.00	1,677.00	1,500.00
Certificate Fees	1,500.00	1,904.00	2,000.00
Dispensations	150.00	210.00	150.00
Life Membership Fees . . . . .	.....	129.00	.....
Affiliation Fees	150.00	429.00	200.00
Charter Fees	140.00	140.00	70.00
Total	\$23,440.00	\$25,268.79	\$23,920.00
Expenditures			
Salaries	\$10,000.00	\$10,585.56	\$ 7,500.00
Rent and Light	1,920.00	1,920.00	1,920.00
Telephone and Telegrams	200.00	147.47	200.00
Postage and Express	500.00	408.93	500.00
Audit Fee	300.00	300.00	300.00
Office and General Expense . . . . .	.....	202.91	200.00
Insurance, Fire and Fidelity	25.00	40.21	45.00
Unemployment Insurance	115.00	75.40	50.00
Interest and Exchange	80.00	100.48	100.00
Workmen's Compensation	50.00	70.76	50.00
Engraving costs . . . . .	.....	145.05	100.00
Safety Deposit Box Rental	22.50	22.50	22.50
Repairs, Regalia . . . . .	.....	16.45	50.00
Printing:			
Proceedings	2,500.00	1,651.19	2,500.00
General . . . . .	.....	988.01	.....
Travelling:			
Grand Master	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Grand Officers	1,000.00	1,096.65	1,000.00
Washington Conference and Fees	80.00	625.27	80.00
Grand Lodge Expense:			
Annual Communication	1,200.00	1,090.91	1,500.00
Grand Master's Regalia	275.00	.....	240.00
Dist. Deputy Grand Masters	950.00	900.00	950.00
Banff Conference	600.00	544.50	600.00
All-Canada Conference	450.00	361.71	450.00
Canadian Masonic Research Association . . . . .	.....	.....	100.00
Fiftieth Anniversary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Superannuation Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total	\$23,467.50	\$24,493.96	\$21,657.50

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 1

To the M.W., The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I wish to submit for your consideration my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1 for the year 1953-54.

May I at the outset express my pleasure and appreciation for the privilege accorded to me by my brethren of District No. 1, in permitting me to represent them as your Deputy, and likewise my appreciation of your approval of my filling that office.

During the year I have officially visited every lodge in the District twice, and also made a number of unscheduled visits to different lodges both in and out of Calgary.

The District meeting was held in Banff the Beautiful and Cascade Lodge No. 5 went all out to help make the District meeting a success. On account of the pressure of business I was unable to be installed at the Grand Lodge meeting in June, and Most Worshipful Brother Wm. H. Jackson, the Grand Master, installed met at the District meeting in Banff on September 12th.

At 4:00 p.m. an informal meeting was held, at which a very fine number of brethren were in attendance. A very interesting and instructive hour was passed with the Grand Master and M.W. Brother George Moore, the Grand Secretary, answering numerous questions and giving the brethren much useful information.

At 6:00 p.m. a banquet was held in the lower hall, at which a very fine meal was served and a delightful social get-together followed. The District meeting was resumed at 7:30 p.m., and it was my honor and privilege to officially receive the Most Worshipful the Grand Master M.W. Brother Wm. H. Jackson, he being accompanied by a number of other Grand Lodge Officers.

It was very encouraging to hear the reports of the Worshipful Masters of the different lodges, and these reports were well received by all brethren present.

We were honored to have at our district meeting, distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions and M. Wor. George Moore had the honor of introducing to all present M. Wor. Bro. G. A. McMorran, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, also R. Wor.

Bro. Thos. Jackson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and after being welcomed by the D.D.G.M., the visitors replied briefly.

Wor. Bro. A. W. McNeil and V. Wor. Bro. C. S. B. Lait were requested to act as scrutineers and the election for D.D.G.M. for the year 1954-55 proceeded. As only one nomination was received, the D.D.G.M. declared Wor. Bro. D. S. Bareham of Bow River Lodge No. 1 elected. He, having stated his willingness to accept that office, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. A. W. Dingle, D.D.G.M. for 1952-53, gave a short verbal report of his year in office.

One of the highlights of the year was the visit to Bow River Lodge No. 1 on their 70th anniversary on January 28th, 1954.

The M. Wor., The Grand Master, M. Wor. Bro. Jackson, and other Grand Lodge Officers, were received with grand honors. A historical sketch was given by W. Bro. D. S. Bareham, who occupied the Master's chair for the evening, and one was able to gather from some of the events which have taken place in the early years of this lodge, how the pioneers of Freemasonry overcame many difficulties in this large and sparsely populated territory. Another highlight was the recognition of members of thirty years standing, also a presentation on behalf of the lodge to Bro. F. H. Collicutt, by W. Bro. H. Duckworth.

During my official and unofficial visits to the various lodges in the district, I was impressed with the decided improvement in the general and ritualistic work put on by the officers of the different lodges, and it was likewise very pleasing to observe the happy and friendly atmosphere which prevailed at the different meetings. The welcome accorded me as your representative was warm and sincere, and the lodges, as well as the individual brethren, expressed a desire to co-operate in every way possible with the edicts of Grand Lodge, all of which has helped to contribute to a successful year. On Sunday, May 30th, a Church parade was held by the Lodges of Districts 1 and 18 without regalia. Brethren of the two districts attended divine service at the First Baptist Church and were addressed by the Rev. Bro. Dr. G. Jones, O.B.E., pastor of that church.

It was also my privilege to present to Bro. Robt. Cook of King George Lodge No. 59 his 50 year jewel, an event that is a rare one, and one which very few of us attain.

The general financial standing of the lodges in the district shows improvement, all of which points to that progress which is most desirable.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the many brethren who have been so generous in extending me their assistance and support, and I particularly wish to express my thanks and appreciation to Worshipful Brother Dave Shedden of Bow River No. 1 who proved to be a most capable and understanding District Secretary one could have hoped for. He has more than any other person contributed to any success that I may have had during my year of office.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. GRAY,

D.D.G.M. No. 1, Calgary.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 2

To the M.W., The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have pleasure in submitting for your consideration and approval my report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 2 for 1953-54.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the town of Brooks on Wednesday, October 21, 1953. This was the first time in many years that the meeting was not held in Medicine Hat. In spite of that it was an extremely well-attended meeting with the W.M. of each lodge in the district being present to read the report from his lodge.

At the afternoon session, an informal discussion was held during which the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers were called upon to answer several questions put to them by the brethren.

After a delightful dinner served by the members of Helen Chapter, O.E.S., in the United Church, the meeting re-assembled. The first order of business during the evening session was the reading of reports from the various lodges in the district. Each Master reported enthusiasm for Masonry in his lodge, and that prospects for the coming year were good. Very interesting papers were delivered on the following topics: "Responsibilities of Sponsors," "Duties of Investigating Committees," and "Duties of Examining Boards."

Every brother present received much food for thought, M.W. Sir, from your very instructive talk on the "Duties of a Master Mason."

R.W. Bro. James Henderson presented a very comprehensive report on his activities during his year as D.D.G.M. after which the Grand Master presented to him a P.D.D.G.M. jewel with a few very fitting remarks.

W. Bro. Maurice J. Lloyd of Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57 was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1954-5 subject to the approval of the Grand Master. By open vote it was decided to hold the next District Meeting in Medicine Hat.

OFFICIAL VISITS

During the year I visited officially the Lodges in the District as follows: Manyberries Lodge No. 133—Sept. 17, 1953; Quarry Lodge No. 70—Oct. 6, 1953; Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57—Oct. 8, 1953; Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2—Oct. 13, 1953; Mispah Lodge No. 35—Oct. 20, 1953; Bassano Lodge No. 55—Nov. 12, 1953; Brooks Lodge No. 73—Nov. 17, 1953; Bow Island Lodge No. 664—Nov. 18, 1953.

I paid other fraternal visits to the Lodges when time and conditions permitted. On all occasions I was very hospitably received as your representative. For the most part I found the work well

done. In one lodge it has been necessary to move young Masons too rapidly through the chairs with the result that their work is not quite up to standard, but with their enthusiasm and with the support of the P.M.s I feel that condition is very temporary.

CONDITION OF MASONRY

Masonry in this District is in very good condition. In all lodges I found young, enthusiastic Masons filling the chairs, ably supported by the P.M.s. The finances of all lodges are in good condition. All historical registers are being kept up to date in preparation for the 50th Anniversary of Grand Lodge. Bassano, Grassy Lake, Bow Island, and Brooks Lodges have been re-decorating and improving their lodge rooms. Past Masters for the most part are active, and giving wonderful support where needed.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

On the occasion of my official visit to Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, several brethren from the Havre and Enterprise Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Montana paid a fraternal visit. They were accompanied by P.G.M. Doles of the Grand Lodge of Montana.

It was my privilege and pleasure to accompany you, M.W. Sir, on your official visit to Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57 on November 4, 1953. I am sure that the members of this lodge were honored and greatly appreciative of your visit.

On December 28, 1953, I was honored by Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, Mizpah Lodge No. 35, Bow Island Lodge No. 64, and Quarry Lodge No. 70 by being invited to act as Installing Master at a Joint Installation held in the Masonic Temple in Medicine Hat. R.W. Bro. George Esmonde-White acted as Director of Ceremonies. Past Masters of all four lodges assisted with the presentation of W.T.s and the Investitures.

Bassano Lodge No. 55 and Brooks Lodge No. 73 honored me by inviting me to instal their officers at a Joint Installation held on January 19, 1954, in the Masonic Temple in Brooks. Practically every resident P.M. assisted during the ceremony.

On March 23, 1954, I was pleased to accompany you on your official visit to Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 on the occasion of one of their Masonic Research nights. Three very instructive papers were given by members of the Research Committee on the following topics: "Masonry and the Declaration of Human Rights," "Some Aspects of King Solomon's Temple," and "Freemasonry and the Crusades." Representatives from six of the lodges in the District attended the meeting.

CONCLUSION

I would be very remiss in my duty if I failed to give thanks to: R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers for his kindly advice. R. W. Bro. James Henderson for his advice and for "chauffeuring" me on many of my Visits. W. Bro. W. A. Noble who kindly acted as my very efficient

District Secretary. All the brothers who accompanied me on my official visits. And to all who, through their attendance, made the District Meeting the success it was.

It has been a pleasure, Sir, to serve as your Deputy in this District.

Respectfully and Fraternally yours,

F. R. MILLICAN

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 3

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I herewith beg to submit for your approval, My report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 3 for 1953-54.

The trust and confidence you showed when you allowed me to be placed in that position gave me quite a lift and I do hope that I have, or may at some future time justify that confidence.

In meeting with the brethren of the lodges of District No. 3 I have experienced nothing but the finest of fellowship, friendship and respect, dignity and decorum being at all times present. After experiencing this I cannot help but feel that our Order must progress to a greater, brighter future and possibly to a greater community influence than it now possesses.

The number of new applicants which is without precedence must be caused by a favorable opinion of the institution and also some knowledge of its aims and landmarks. These must be in some manner becoming known to the uninitiated to cause such a surprising increase.

I have tried to be particularly sincere in advising the lodges of this jurisdiction to be extremely careful with the selection of their committees on examination and screening in order to keep the high standard necessary for the successful continuance of a happy lodge. Pointing out to them that the man they propose may be the future master of that lodge. At this time it is well to point out Sect. 149 in the constitution re preferment among Masons being grounded on real worth and personal merit and I tried to impress upon them that the most important office filled at installation was that of the most junior officer, as once placed in a chair an inefficient or disinterested man is certainly no asset, also that work well done is remembered longer and better also is an influence for larger member and visitor attendance.

Talks on the various degrees, Landmarks, Working Tools Lodge Furniture, Questions and Answers have formed interesting topics and do help to increase the knowledge and interest of the brethren and to stir their activities.

To the lodges of my jurisdiction: Edmonton No. 7, Unity No. 51, Meridian No. 129, Temple No. 167, Wetaskiwin No. 15, Edson No. 68, Jasper Park No. 143, Highlands No. 168, Star of the West, Leduc No. 34, Commercial No. 81, Evergreen No. 166.

I find great difficulty in expressing my thanks for their efforts in my behalf personally and also as official representative of Grand Lodge. And also to give them due credit for the efficient manner in which they carried out the lodge work, Business and Degree.

It fills one with a great deal of satisfaction to visit lodges where the members feel such a personal interest in the work that constructive discussion of the various phases, and compliments and criticisms are heard among the members at the rest or lunch periods. It speaks well for our welfare when in nearly all cases interest of this nature is so evidenced.

Attendance figures are at present about normal except in those lodges that have Special nights, such as Side Benchers, Past Masters, etc. These seem to stimulate interest and bring out visitors.

Visiting is on the increase and I find at times where as many as twenty will make a special effort to visit another lodge in a body. This with return visits fosters a great deal of friendship for all parties. This manner of visitation is becoming more frequent in this locality. Long may it last.

In nearly every case the lodge books were in splendid order, the financial situation being particularly good. Those variously responsible for this end of the work should be complimented on their efforts. The results certainly justify the time expended.

It was my privilege to attend the consecration of three new lodges in my year of office and the solemnity of this ceremony will ever remain a pleasant memory.

Our District Meeting was held on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, 1953. Registration took place at 3:30 and at 4:00 we had an informal discussion period which I think was one of the most interesting I have had the privilege and pleasure of attending. A great range of subjects were discussed and everyone seemed genuinely interested and satisfied.

Dinner was served at 6:00 with the usual toasts and replies and proved that in the period of refreshment that the fundamental principles are not forgotten or neglected.

The meeting was convened at 7:30 by the officers of Commercial Lodge No. 81. After which the D.D.G.M. was received with the usual honors and invited to the east where he then took charge of the proceedings.

Most Worshipful Bro. W. H. Jackson and other Grand Lodge officers were then received with the usual rites and ceremonies and invited to the east. The Grand Master thanked the lodge for the kind reception and returned the gavel to me and the meeting proceeded along the usual lines.

The minutes of 1952 were read and confirmed, also all correspondence and communications were then dealt with along with the report of P.D.D.G.M. G. M. McLean.

Educational topics were presented for discussion. The first being, Responsibilities of sponsors. One Junior Warden presenting the paper. Two other Junior Wardens leading the discussion.

No. 2 was the duties of investigating committees, one Senior Warden presented the paper. Two others leading off in the discussion.

No. 3 was the duties of Examining Boards, presented by a Master and discussed by two others and any others interested.

Right Worshipful Brother George M. Mclean was then presented with the regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. by the Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Brother Jackson then gave a most informative and instructive address which was appreciated by all present, calling forth much commendation from those fortunate enough to be there.

This meeting was reasonably attended, but, the District Meeting belongs to every mason living within that jurisdiction. The topics and business are those we are most prone to criticize in the future. I feel it to be the duty of all those who can attend to do so. Let me put it thus: There is a force which causes a man to take that part required of him in that organization or institution of which he is a part.

From my observations I would say that the lodges of this district are advancing materially and in the genuine spirit of Masonry which is our ultimate aim. A feeling of fraternal progress seems to pervade all lodges individually and collectively.

I have visited each lodge once officially and some of them four or five times unofficially. Also attended nearly every installation that took place in Edmonton and vicinity.

In closing permit me to thank you for having trust in me to fulfil this office as your representative. I have tried to do my best. What worries me now is not what I have done, but what I may have left undone.

Freemasonry has not yet played its full part in the affairs of this world of ours. I do trust that in some way I may be able to take some constructive part in it.

To have joy one must share it, happiness was born a twin.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours Fraternally,

L. L. HALIBURTON,

D.D.G.M. No. 3

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 4

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honour to herewith respectfully submit my report, for your consideration and approval, on the conditions of Freemasonry in the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1953-54. In so doing I earnestly hope that I have made some contribution, however humble, to the cause of Freemasonry and that I have fulfilled and discharged these duties with honor and dignity.

To the Brethren of District No. 4 I acknowledge, with sincere appreciation, the great honor conferred on me in electing me to represent you as District Deputy Grand Master. My special thanks to all the Worshipful Masters, Officers and Brethren of the Lodges comprising this great Masonic District of Central Alberta for the very warm and cordial reception extended to me on all my visits, official or otherwise.

The District meeting was held in the Masonic Temple at Innisfail on Wednesday, July 8th, 1953. The meeting was convened and close tyled, at 3:30 p.m., by M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, P.G.M., assisted by M.W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman, P.G.M. and other P.D.D.G.M.'s of the district, filling the different chairs. As D.D.G.M. I was received in due form, accorded Grand Honours and welcomed. It was then my honour and privilege to receive the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, accompanied by M.W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, P.G.M., M.W. Bro. W. F. Empey, P.G.M., and other Grand Lodge dignitaries. Grand Honours were accorded the M.W. The Grand Master who, on assuming the gavel, thanked the Brethren for the splendid turn-out and the warm reception to the Hall of his Mother Lodge.

NECROLOGY

Once again it was time to mark the passing of Brother Masons, not only of our own Lodge but of sister Lodges and Districts. Several Brothers, skilled Craftsmen, have been called to that higher service in the Grand Lodge above, during the year, there to rest from their labours, while we treasure their memories in our hearts, giving thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for their lives. In respectful memory the meeting observed one minute silence.

Reports of the activities of the various Lodges in this district were given by the Worshipful Masters, or delegated representatives, with but one exception. Kitchener Lodge No. 95 was not represented and did not submit a report, much to my regret. All reports were favourably received, showed conclusive evidence of progress and prospects for the future look promising. The Grand Master, in his comments, first of all congratulated the Worshipful Masters of the different Lodges present for their good work over the past year and said that he was satisfied that the future of Freemasonry in District No. 4 was in capable hands.

The Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 37, Innisfail served a truly sumptuous banquet in the Auditoriums of the Canadian Legion, well over one hundred Brethren sat down. Following the usual Loyal Toast, M.W. Bro. Botterill, in his own inimitable style thanked the Ladies on behalf of all present. The toast to the Grand Master and his Officers was proposed by Bro. R. H. Percy, J.D. of Innisfail and was replied to by M.W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M., Grand Secretary. Brother Moore, although far from well gave one of his much treasured and most inspiring addresses and it will long be remembered by all fortunate enough to be present and to hear him. M.W. Bro. Empey, P.G.M., who followed paid tribute to M.W. Bro. Moore, who was making his last visit to the District in the capacity of Grand Secretary. M.W. Bro. Empey said that M.W. Bro. Moore held a place all his own in the annals of Alberta Freemasonry and was of our very real landmarks.

At the evening session the Mayor of Innisfail, Bro. J. K. Rimington, brought the greetings of the Town and said he was proud to be at this meeting where the D.D.G.M. was the Secretary of Innisfail Lodge and the Grand Master the Treasurer. Only one nomination having been received for D.D.G.M., W. Bro. G. Z. H. Van Haften of Carstairs Lodge No. 20 was declared elected, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. Carstairs was selected at the meeting place for 1954. M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard presented R.W. Bro. G. R. Sterling, outgoing D.D.G.M. with a set of Regalia.

Papers on the following topics were presented:

1. Responsibilities of the Sponsors, by Junior Wardens.
2. Duties of the Investigating Committee, by Senior Wardens.
3. Duties of an Examining Board, by Worshipful Masters.

All papers brought forth excellent discussion and following this we listened to a most inspiring address from the M.W. The Grand Master.

VISITATIONS

My official visits were as follows: Bowden Lodge No. 42, August 18th; Kitchener Lodge No. 95, Rimbey, September 1st; Mountain View Lodge No. 16, Olds, September 7th; Lochearn Lodge No. 151, Rocky Mountain House, September 10th; Innisfail Lodge No. 8, September 17th; Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, Red Deer, October 6th; Carstairs Lodge No. 20, October 8th; King Hiram Lodge No. 21, Didsbury, October 13th; Red Deer Lodge No. 12, November 10th; Eureka Lodge No. 10, Lacombe, November 12th; Britannia Lodge No. 18, Ponoka, January 6th, 1954.

I have visited several Lodges informally and it is my intention to visit the others once again before the end of my term of office. In the course of my official visits I found harmony prevailing and good fellowship in all Lodges. Having been Secretary of my own Lodge for several years I took special interest in the books and records kept by the Lodges and am happy and pleased to report that all are in order, well kept and up-to-date, except a few

Historical Registers. This neglect has been brought to the attention of the Worshipful Masters of the various Lodges concerned and I was assured that every effort would be made to bring them up to date.

All Lodges in the District have received new members, both by Initiation and Affiliation and the type of members coming in augurs well for the future. All Lodges have comfortable quarters and 54 per cent own their own buildings. The Degree work was reasonably accurate, some of the Lodges lacked precision, perhaps, but on the whole I am pleased to report that the true spirit of Masonic Fellowship and Brotherly love is found in abundance. In only one Lodge of the District did I find evidence that the Worshipful Master was unable to properly confer the degrees and he was slack; if not wholly inefficient, in conducting the business of the Lodge. I therefore suggest that more care should be taken in the election of the officers and that the Examining Board should pay more attention to their duties as set out in Section 149 of the Constitution.

I would say that the Lodges of District 4 are working under reasonably good leadership. Many of the Masters are of outstanding ability and some of the Junior Officers give much promise for the future. As nearly all of the Degree work is accomplished with good dignity I am sure that the Candidates have received a proper impression of the nobility and high ideals of the fraternity.

Adequate insurance is carried on all Regalia and property owned by the Lodges. The Grand Lodge Bulletin is now received by all Lodges in sufficient numbers for all members. The Lodges who mail out these Bulletins are to be commended as this is by far the most satisfactory manner of distribution.

To Rt. Wor. Bro. R. F. Anderson, my Secretary, I express my deep and sincere appreciation for the great help and support that he has so unselfishly given me, to my successor W. Bro. G. Z. H. Van Haften, I wish all possible success and I bespeak for him that same kindly courtesy that has been so freely extended to me.

In conclusion it is but fitting, M.W. Sir, that I should assure you of the unfailing loyalty and interest in matters Masonic of the Brethren of District No. 4. The fact that we are both members of the same Constituent Lodge and that we have been closely associated for many years, has made this one of the happiest years of my life. My thanks to the Brethren of the District in general and Innisfail Lodge in particular for their great help in the fulfillment of my duties.

Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted,

J. J. LETCHER,
D.D.G.M. District No. 4

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 5

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

It gives me such pleasure to submit for your consideration and information the following report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Fifth Masonic District. During my term of office, I have visited all the lodges of the district; some of them several times.

The district meeting was held in Hardisty on August 5th, with all lodges of the district represented, there being approximately 100 members present. The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by W. Bro. Burpee, Master of Comet Lodge, assisted by his officers in the chairs. The brethren having been vouched for by the Masters of the lodges the District Deputy Grand Master was received and the lodge was opened.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jackson was received, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Moore, and several P.D.D.G.M.'s. After the reading of the minutes of the 1953 District Meeting a minute's silence was observed in memory of the brethren who had passed on to the Grand Lodge above since our last District Meeting. This was followed by the singing of the Lord's Prayer by W. Bro. Bricker, accompanied by W. Bro. Vagt. Following this, a very well prepared paper on the duties of a sponsor was given by Bro. MacLachlan of Tuscan Lodge; this paper was much appreciated. A paper on the duties of an investigating committee was given by W. Bro. Walmsley of Morning Star Lodge. Both papers created much discussion.

The District Meeting was called from Labour to Refreshment at 5 p.m. when members attended the banquet in the I.O.O.F. hall where the Ladies of the W.A. served an excellent dinner. Following the toast to the Queen, W. Bro. Chalmers of Tuscan Lodge proposed the toast to Grand Lodge officers which was responded to by the Grand Master. The Grand Master requested M.W. Bro. Moore to speak. The Grand Secretary gave a long and interesting talk on the early history of Masonry which was enlightening and most interesting. The banquet was brought to a close by W. Bro. Walmsley proposing a toast of thanks to the ladies for their splendid banquet.

The District Meeting was reconvened at 8:30 p.m. R.W. Bro. Holtsbaum gave an interesting report of his year of office and thanked the brethren for the support and co-operation he received during his term of office. The election of the D.D.G.M. for 1954-55 resulted in the selection of W. Bro. Kirberg of Efficiency Lodge No. 141, Hughenden, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge. The next District Meeting will be held in Hughenden.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jackson, was called upon by the D.D.G.M. to address the assembly. He chose for his topic "The Responsibility for Masters to their Lodges and the Fraternity in General." The Grand Master strongly emphasized the need for Masons to live

up to the ideals as taught by our order and to put them into practise in our every day lives. Your address M.W. Sir, was much enjoyed by our members of the 5th Masonic District.

Before the meeting closed, the Grand Master spoke of the retirement of our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, who has served the Grand Lodge most capably for the past ten years. The D.D.G.M. called on R.W. Bro. Brady who spoke of the great contribution our Grand Secretary had made to the good of Masonry in Alberta, of his fund of knowledge, and his capacity to make friends. While we all deeply regret losing our Grand Secretary, we do want to wish him a long and happy retirement. R.W. Bro. Brady moved a vote of thanks and appreciation for services rendered to Masonry. This was seconded by R.W. Bro. Cochrane of Efficiency Lodge, and endorsed by the District Meeting with loud cheers.

This session closed in peace and harmony at 11 p.m.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Harmony Lodge No. 75, Sedgewick — My first official visit was made to Harmony Lodge Sedgewick, on July 14th. This was a very pleasant visit for me as W. Bro. Hallum is an old friend of 40 years. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The occasion being one of not only receiving the D.D.G.M. on his official visit but of conferring the third degree on a very respected member of the community, the Rev. Wishart. The new Lodge room in the basement of the town hall is one of the best furnished and decorated in the district. The books are well kept and under the able leadership of R.W. Bro. Blakeney, the lodge has made splendid progress and is in a sound financial condition.

Efficiency Lodge No. 41, Hughenden — My official visit to Efficiency Lodge was made on August 3rd. Efficiency Lodge lives up to its name. They have a very nice well-furnished lodge room, which they own. There was a very good attendance and it was most gratifying to see five fathers and their sons present on this occasion. The lodge is in a sound financial condition and a splendid fraternal spirit prevails among the brethren. The books and records are well kept. The brethren take much interest in the work and the lodge has a good average attendance.

Excelsior Lodge No. 80, Strome — I received a very warm welcome when I visited Excelsior Lodge on October 1. Though this is the smallest lodge in the District, the brethren are very enthusiastic and there was a very good turnout on my official visit. I cannot speak too highly of R.W. Bro. Harry Phipps who has kept the torch of Masonry burning through some difficult years. The lodge books are well kept and the business is conducted in a very able manner. The financial standing is good and what they lack in numbers the members make up with their enthusiasm for Masonry. W. Bro. Pedlar of Tagaski Lodge, Sask., accompanied me on this visit.

Tuscan Lodge No. 43, Killam — This is one of the larger Lodges in the district and on the occasion of my official visit, October 7th, there was a good turn out of members and visitors. The master of

the lodge, W. Bro. Chalmers, came down from Edmonton to conduct the meeting. I was given a friendly welcome and my address on Masonry was well received. The books and records are in good order and the lodge is financially sound. A fine fraternal spirit exists and the Lodge is very fortunate in having so many capable older brethren to lend their assistance.

Forestburg Lodge No. 128, Forestburg — My official visit to Forestburg Lodge on August 26th, is one I shall remember for a long time. I hadn't plowed through so much mud since my experiences in Flanders Fields. Four of the members of Morning Star Lodge accompanied me on my official visit. We received a hearty welcome and spent a most enjoyable evening. The lodge is quite active and the lodge rooms, which they own, are nicely furnished. The books are in good order and the financial standing is good. R.W. Bro. Farvolden and R.W. Bro. Smith are a tower of strength to the lodge.

Alliance Lodge No. 135, Alliance — I made my official visit to Alliance Lodge on October 26th, accompanied by W. Bro. Vagt of Morning Star Lodge. There was a good turn out of members and we received a cordial welcome. The lodge has an excellent average attendance of 26. The officers take a keen interest in the work and the best of fellowship was evident in the lodge. The books and records are well kept and the financial standing is good.

Camrose Lodge No. 37, Camrose — My official visit to Camrose Lodge was made Nov. 2nd. This is the largest Lodge in the fifth Masonic District. Camrose is one of the largest towns in the Province. This, together with the large farming area around the town, gives the Lodge a large population from which to choose its members. The Lodge room, which they rent, is large and well furnished. The officers do their work efficiently. The business is done with dispatch and the books and the records are in good order. Their finances are very good. This lodge should show much progress during the coming years.

Provost Lodge No. 61, Provost — It gave me a great deal of pleasure visiting Provost Lodge on November 18 as it was at the District Meeting at Provost in 1952 that I was elected to represent the fifth Masonic District, as D.D.G.M. W. Bros.'s Bricker and Vagt accompanied me and we were given a warm welcome. There was a large attendance and all are enthusiastic members of our order. The Lodge owns the Lodge Hall and it is very well furnished and decorated. The chairs of the three main stations and the altar were built by Bro. Otkin and add much to the beauty and dignity of the Hall. I found the books and records up to date and well kept. The lodge is in good financial standing. Provost Lodge has a very capable and interested slate of officers. The younger members are eager to learn more about the deeper mysteries of Masonry. R.W. Bro. Holtsbaum, whom I succeeded is an asset to the lodge.

Morning Star Lodge No. 79, Loughheed — It was with mixed feeling that I visited Morning Star Lodge on my official visit. It was back in 1920 that I was raised to the sublime degree of a Master

Mason and on the occasion of my official visit my son, W. Bro. E. D. Butcher, was the Master of Morning Star Lodge. The business of the Lodge is well conducted and the books and records are in the very capable hands of the secretary, W. Bro. Walmley. The financial standing is good. Morning Star Lodge has not had any degree work during the past year. However, they do keep up the interest of the lodge by having worthwhile discussions. I attend this lodge fairly regularly and always enjoy meeting the brethren. R.W. Bro. W. C. Reed is a great asset to Morning Star Lodge.

Comet Lodge No. 50, Hardisty — This is my own Lodge and I am very proud of being chosen, as a member of Comet Lodge to represent the Fifth Masonic District. Comet Lodge has made good progress this last five years. We have taken into our ranks some very fine young men who show great interest in the work. W. Bro. Burpee is a capable Master and has a good staff of officers. The degree work is well divided among the younger brethren. The business is conducted efficiently and the books and records, with the exception of the Historical Register, are well kept. The financial standing is good and an excellent spirit of harmony and good will exists.

Melrose Lodge No. 62, Bawlf — On Dec. 17th, I made my official visit to Melrose Lodge. This was a very busy night as they were raising three brethren to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The degree work was reasonably well done. The lodge room, which they rent, being square, does not lend itself to putting on degree work to the best advantage and dignity which we like to see. The books and records, especially the Historical Register, are well kept. The lodge is in sound financial condition and a fine spirit of brotherly love and friendship prevails.

MASONRY IN GENERAL

The overall picture of Masonry in the Fifth Masonic District is good and under good leadership. Many of the men are of outstanding ability and contribute a great deal to the welfare of their respective lodges. The financial standing of all the lodges is good. The minutes and the records, with the exception of the Historical Registers, are well kept. In some of the lodges the Historical Registers were non-existent. In some cases, when I considered that not enough insurance was being carried, I suggested that it be increased. I understand that these suggestions have been carried out. During the past year, degrees have been conferred on thirty-three candidates. The new members are mostly young men and some are the sons of masons. I believe that they will contribute much to the good of masonry in the years to come. I am sorry to say that we have lost eleven members through death. We shall miss them as most of them were good old standbys who, when called upon, could fill any offices.

I regret very much to say that we had to suspend ten members for non-payment of dues. I cannot help but wonder if the lodges have done as much as they might have done to save them from

becoming delinquent. In my opinion, I think the Master of the lodge and those brethren who sponsored the delinquent brother's application to become a mason should either go and see the brother and find out just what the trouble is, or, if the brother has moved away, they could write him a personal letter. I know that this effort is worthwhile and is often successful. In my own lodge we had five members who were delinquent. I took it upon myself to write them personal letters with the result that three of them have paid their dues. When a lodge has given so much of their time and effort to put a man through the three degrees, it is worth a little extra time and patience and trouble to keep them members.

I would like to suggest, M.W. Sir, for your Grand Lodge's consideration that a part-time lecturer be appointed and that a two-day school of instruction be held at some central point in each district where lodges could send delegates to receive instructions on Masonic education. I have met and talked with many brethren who feel that such a school would serve a good purpose. There is a keen desire, especially among the younger members, to know more about the deeper mysteries of masonry.

I want to thank the brethren for their kindness and co-operation during my term of office. To R.W. Bro. C. E. Blakeney, who so kindly consented to act as secretary for the district meeting, to W. Bro. Vagt who has been helpful in so many ways, my special thanks. My thanks also to the brethren who accompanied me on my official visits. I have enjoyed the work and will always appreciate the opportunity of having served Grand Lodge and the Fifth Masonic District. May I wish that the same courtesy and co-operation given to me will be extended to my successor in office, W. Bro. Kirberg of Efficiency Lodge.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

E. BUTCHER,

D.D.G.M. District No. 5

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 6

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval, my report of the condition of Freemasonry in the 6th Masonic District for the year 1953-1954.

The 35th Annual District Meeting was held in High River Thursday, October 22, 1953. An informal get-together was held from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. for the purpose of all the representatives of District No. 6 meeting M.W. the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers.

At 3:10 p.m. the District Meeting was opened, with W. Bro. R. V. Hitchner in the chair. The D.D.G.M. was then received and introduced by R.W. Bro. W. E. M. Holmes and W. Bro. T. N. McKeage, and received the customary honors and assumed the gavel. The M.W. the Grand Master was then received and received the honors so justly his due. Also received with honors were M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore and R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers. The minutes of the previous District Meeting were then read and approved.

Representatives of all the Lodges in the district gave their reports on their activities during the year, all showing a healthy Masonic growth.

W. Bro. M. H. Wagner of Nanton Lodge No. 17 was declared elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, subject to the approval of the M.W. the Grand Master. Next District Meeting will be held in Nanton.

The M.W. the Grand Master then addressed the meeting on lack of attendance at District Meetings, and his address, while necessarily short, was very comprehensive and to the point. At 6:30 the Banquet was held in the Banquet Room, the ladies of the O.E.S. doing the honors. Meeting was called to order at 8:15 by the D.D.G.M.

The M.W. the Grand Master gave a very inspiring address, after which papers were very ably presented by three members of Corinthian No. 22 on the following: "Responsibilities of Sponsor" by Bro. T. L. Hayhurst; "Investigating Committee" by W. Bro. J. A. Noble; "Duties of Examining Board" by W. Bro. R. L. Osborne. These papers were very well prepared and showed a great deal of study on the part of the aforementioned Brethren.

The Grand Secretary gave a summary of the aforementioned papers. Meeting was closed and a lunch served in the Banquet Room.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Joppa No. 40: My first official visit was to Joppa No. 40, Granum. On this visit Entered Apprentice Degrees were conferred on three candidates; work was conferred in a very capable manner by the Master and his officers. I am more than pleased to report this Lodge has come a long way in the past few years. Books and all records are up to date and I think it is a great credit to them that they own their own Lodge Hall, while many larger lodges continue to rent.

Stavely No. 33: I planned to visit this Lodge in February but owing to the condition of the roads was unable to do so. However I paid my official visit in March. Officers seem to be quite capable and while they had no work for that evening, they demonstrated parts of the M.M. Degree. Books and all records well kept and up to date and the future looks bright.

Cairo No. 32: Visited this Lodge on April 20. The W.M. and his officers conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on three candidates in a very efficient manner. All officers seem to take great pride in their work and it is really a pleasure to visit a Lodge where officers are so interested in their work. Prospects in this Lodge look very

bright indeed and the calibre of their candidates is excellent. All books and records were freely given for my inspection and my suggestions were well received.

Nanton No. 17: On March 17 I paid my official visit to this Lodge and as attendance at this particular meeting was very poor owing to an important oil lease holders' meeting being held in town that evening, their records show that their average attendance is very good. No work being done that evening, but as I have visited this Lodge on numerous occasions unofficially in the past, I know the Master and officers are most efficient and quite capable of conferring all degrees. Finances are in good shape, also all books and records are well kept and up to date.

Corinthian No. 22: My official visit was on March 20. This is one of the most efficient and up to date Lodges it has ever been my privilege to visit. Attendance is far above average, enthusiasm is something to gladden the heart of a true Mason. All degrees are conferred with a degree of efficiency and precision seldom seen in any Lodge across our fair Dominion. Fathers and sons predominate in this Lodge to a degree seldom found in any Lodge. Candidates are of a very high standard. Almost any member of this Lodge can be called upon to get up and speak on Masonry without advance notice. All books and records are up to date and kept in a very efficient manner. My visit to this Lodge was an experience I will not soon forget.

Cornerstone No. 19: This is my Mother Lodge and I paid my official visit on April 22. Weather was very bad. However, attendance was very good. The W.M. conferred the Fellowcraft Degree. Both Master and officers are well versed in their work and capable of conferring all degrees. All books and records under the very efficient hands of the Secretary, W. Bro. W. T. Davis, are kept up to date. Prospects for this Lodge look bright indeed. Candidates are chosen with great care.

GENERAL

Masonry is definitely on the upward grade in District No. 6. The Lodges are all active and all are efficient in their work, but it is my opinion that sufficient care is not being given to the keeping up of the Historical Registers, the importance of which does not seem to be fully recognized. I would suggest M.W. Sir, that more time be given to Masonic study and research. During my visits I tried to impress on all Masters the importance of keeping the Lodge members employed, for in my humble opinion employment keeps the Lodge members happy and contented; also gives him an added incentive to attend all meetings.

To the brethren of District No. 6, please accept my sincere thanks for all your support, and the many courtesies and for the honor which you conferred on me. My year of office will always remain a pleasant memory. And to you, M.W. Sir, I would express my appreciation for your counsel and inspiration, and my deep sense of gratitude for the honor of serving you as your Deputy in District No. 6.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. BLAIR, D.D.G.M., District No. 6.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 7

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother,

As the year 1953-54 is closing, it is now my duty and pleasure to report to you an accounting of my deputyship in Masonic District No. 7.

On June 24, the Joint Installation of Diamond City Lodge No. 65, Nobleford Lodge No. 111 and Sharon Lodge No. 157 were celebrated at Coalhurst on the Festival of St. John the Baptist. The officers who kindly assisted me were W. Bro. McMahon, Director of Ceremonies, Rt. Wor. Bro. Joe Melling, Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. McLean, Rt. Wor. Bro. Joe Watson and Rt. Wor. Bro. H. Arthur.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in Lethbridge and Coalhurst on Wednesday, October 14.

Registration and an informal meeting with Grand Lodge officers was held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Following this a dinner was served in the Marquis Hotel and unfortunately the dining space allotted us was inadequate. Some forty to fifty Brethren were accommodated and some twenty more Brethren ate elsewhere.

The business meeting was held in the Lodge Room at Coalhurst where Diamond City Lodge No. 65 was our host. Your D.D.G.M. was received in form and introduced by R.W. Bro. Joe Watson.

The M.W. Bro. Jackson, Grand Master and R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary, were received in form and invited to the East.

A brief silence was observed in memory of our departed Brethren.

R.W. Bro. Jos. Melling was presented with his D.D.G.M. regalia by M.W. Bro. Jackson. Some 100 attended and each of the eleven lodges in the District were represented. Three nominations were received for the position of D.D.G.M. for 1953-54, viz., W. Bro. Christ, W. Bro. Hay and W. Bro. Hendry. W. Bro. Hay was declared elected on the second ballot.

Century Lodge No. 100, Milk River, was chosen as the 1953-54 meeting place.

From the reports as given by the Wor. Masters it was apparent that Masonry was in fine condition throughout District No. 7. The Open Forum discussion as presented by the Jr. Wardens on Responsibilities of Sponsors and by the Sr. Wardens on Duties of Investigating Committees, was well worth while and very informative for the new officers throughout the District.

The evening was brought to a close by a very inspiring and thoughtful address by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William H. Jackson. He reminded the Brethren present of the Great Value of the V. of S.L. as a personal guide throughout the course of our lives.

Coffee and doughnuts were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

INSTALLATION AND INVESTITURE OF THE FOUR CITY LODGES

It was my privilege and pleasure to act as Installing Master on December 29, when North Star Lodge No. 4, Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, Charity Lodge No. 67, and York Lodge No. 119, were invested at a Joint Installation in the Lethbridge Masonic Temple.

Lodge was opened at 4:45 by Wor. Bro. Scott of Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, Rt. Wor. Bro. Paul Jones installed Bros. John Murray, James Norrie, L. MacLaine and Ralph McKenzie in the chair of King Solomon. Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at 5:45 to attend the Banquet as served by the members of the Maple Leaf Chapter of O.E.S. Rt. Wor. Bro. John Livingstone acted as toastmaster. The hall was filled to capacity. Lodge was resumed at 8:05 and the investiture was completed with the assistance of Wor. Bro. McMahon as Director of Ceremonies and Rt. Wor. Bro. J. Melling. The General Charge was capably given by Rt. Wor. Bro. Percy Cull. Lodge was closed at 9:30 p.m. by North Star Lodge No. 4. Rt. Wor. T. H. Llewellyn acted as Secretary. The attendance was well over the 100 mark.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Doric Lodge No. 31, October 13: Lodge in good hands. Officers well qualified. Candidate well coached. Degree work done well. Brethren doing research work as an educational program. Have started on Historical Register. Their building expansion program called for an outlay of \$3,400.00.

Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58, October 20: Opened punctually and business carried through in business-like manner. Found Black Book not posted up to date. Historical Register well kept. Finances good. Conferred First Degree on Roy Long. Splendid turn out. Nineteen from Lethbridge, seventeen from Montana. They have a very unique hall and are to be congratulated on their progress in Masonry.

Foremost Lodge No. 103, November 4: Business portion conducted quickly and correctly. Treasurer in not bonded. The Black Book is posted O.K. Historical Register is three years behind. Their by-laws are correctly registered. They have an annual audit. They conferred the Second Degree on Bro. Kelly. The S.W. Bro. Floyd Terriff and S.D. Bro. Wellman were very thorough in their work. P.D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Brownlee is a tower of strength to this Lodge. There were eight Lodges represented at this meeting. Five P.D.D.G.M.s in attendance and fourteen accompanied me from Lethbridge.

North Star Lodge No. 4, November 13: Punctual opening. Efficient and capable officers. Very thorough Secretary. Books in excellent shape. Ballotted on three candidates and received three petitions.

Very fine attendance; 72 present of which 60 were their own members. A Masonic quiz was held and it kept the experts on their toes to answer the many and varied questions.

Charity Lodge No. 67, November 16: Punctual opening. Well qualified officers. Secretary has books well in hand. Suggested appointment of some P.M. as Historian to bring Register up to date. Plans being made for 40th anniversary. Election of officers held. Conferred Second Degree on Bros. Bachelor and Brosgart. Rather heavy agenda for one night. Suggested degrees be held at emergent meeting. Thirty-two present 12 of whom were visitors.

Sharon Lodge No. 157, November 25: Lodge opened at 8:20. Regular business dispatched quickly and correctly. Secretary, V.W. Bro. N. Christ, on European trip. Lodge in healthy condition. Attendance good. Have two P.D.D.G.M.s' R.W. Bro. Joe Watson and R.W. Bro. Hugh Arthur, who are pillars of strength. Ten Lethbridge members accompanied me.

Lucerne Lodge No. 159, December 1: Meeting opened at 8:30. Business carried out with dispatch. Have a very capable secretary. Adequate insurance. Black Book posted. Historical Register not up to date. Books audited annually. As each Master completed his term, his picture is added to the gallery of P.M.s. A case of benevolence was considered. One application was received. Bro. Whitticker was passed to the Second Degree. P.D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Dewhurst is a valuable adviser to this Lodge.

Diamond City Lodge No. 65, December 3: Have enjoyed very close and fine relationship with this Lodge. Acted as their Installing Master in June. Had portion of District Meeting there in October. Two very active members are Wor. Bro. J. McMahon and P.D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Joe Melling. Found the Lodge in sound position. Bro. Ken Strachan was raised in the Third Degree. The enthusiasm of this Lodge makes up for its small membership.

Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, December 17: Regular meeting opened punctually; officers very efficient in opening and closing as well as in degree work. Secretary's books in excellent shape. Historical Register not up to date. They hold degree work at emergent meetings. Regular meetings are high-lighted by outstanding speakers and interesting programs. W. Bro. Scott, the Wor. Master, made 34 visitations during his year of office. Was honored to participate in my son's (Darwin Linn) initiation, passing and raising in this Lodge.

Century Lodge No. 100, January 19th: Weather turned very cold, 39 degrees below zero. However this didn't chill this very fine meeting. There were 11 officers, 14 members and 12 visitors present. They had balloting and conducted meeting in a business-like manner. Found the officers well qualified and the secretaryship in very capable hands. This will be the host lodge for your 1954 annual meeting.

York Lodge No. 119, February 2nd: Fifty present, 40 of their own members. W. Bro. Geo. Thompson congratulated on his retirement as Secretary after many years of service. Had the pleasure

of investing Bro. A. Findlay, the new Treasurer. Books in fine shape except Historical Register which is well in arrears. Officers well qualified and business well conducted. Their own W. Bro. Wm. Hay is incoming Deputy for the 1954-55 term.

GENERAL

On November 3rd a bus load of 38 from Lethbridge visited the Vulcan Lodge No. 74. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William Jackson, and Secretary R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers were in attendance. The meeting included a wild duck dinner.

On November 10th visited Nobleford Lodge No. 111 to attend the initiation of a young friend, Gordon Luchia.

Masonry is very definitely on the march in District No. 7. Each of the 11 lodges reported from 1 to 13 candidates.

Visitation is at a high level and makes for a very keen interest in Masonry. In Cardston and Milk River they have many international visits from Montana Brethren.

In my addresses on my official visits I stressed the meaning of Masonry in everyday life.

To the past D.D.G.M.s in District No. 7 and other members who accompanied me on my visits I say "Thanks," as this really made it an interesting year.

Thanks to Bro. Stanley Jones for his services as District Secretary.

I have enjoyed the year and take this opportunity to thank the Masons of District No. 7 for the honor they conferred on me in electing me to this high office and also for the courtesy and hospitality shown me throughout the District.

To my successor, W. Bro. Hay, I wish the same courtesy and hospitality and best wishes for another successful year in District No. 7.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,

CHAS. H. LINN,

D.D.G.M., District No. 7.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 8

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I beg to submit for your approval my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 8 for the year 1953-54.

The Annual District Meeting of District No. 8 was held in Chinook Lodge at Cowley on Thursday, October the 15th. All six lodges of the district were represented.

Upon the arrival of the M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, an informal afternoon meeting was held at which items of interest to the various lodges were discussed. The Grand Lodge Officers held a question period at which much useful information was given.

At 6:30 over a hundred members gathered for a banquet served in the Cowley community hall, after which a short program was enjoyed.

The District Meeting was called to order at 8:45 p.m. The Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers were received in due and ancient form.

The minutes of the previous District Meeting were read by the late W. Bro. McQuarrie, and were approved. The reports of the various lodges of District No. 8 were given by the W. Masters.

As the Grand Master had suggested, papers on the following subjects had been prepared.

1. The Responsibilities of Sponsors, by Junior Wardens.
2. Duties of Investigating Committees, by Senior Wardens.
3. Duties of Examining Boards, by Masters or Past Masters.

These papers were well prepared and led to an interesting discussion which served to make the meeting much more enjoyable and worthwhile.

Wor. Bro. E. A. Harper of Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86 was elected District Deputy Grand Master for ensuing year.

Alberta Lodge No. 3: Alberta Lodge No. 3 may well be proud of their new hall and of the furnishings which create such a pleasant atmosphere for their work and social activities. The historical register is particularly interesting and should be kept up to date as the information it contains will be invaluable in future years. This is a good lodge and progress is steady.

Spitzie Lodge No. 6: This lodge has taken in a number of younger candidates who will be a credit to the lodge for years to come. In spite of some difficulties, the lodge seems to be in a very healthy condition. Spitzie suffered a great loss in the untimely death of their W. Bro. McQuarrie who at all times was a tower of strength to the lodge.

Sentinel Lodge No. 26: This lodge has always been known for its fine degree work and the work of the third degree which was put on during my official visit was exceptionally well done. This together with the friendly spirit of the lodge made my official visit a very pleasant one. All records appear to be in good order.

Summit Lodge No. 30: The outstanding characteristic of this lodge is the good will and harmony which exists among the members. The educational work on various aspects of Masonry are a regular feature of their meetings. They do particularly good work among their more unfortunate brethren.

It was my privilege to be invited to this lodge to hear an address given by the M.W. Bro. Rt. Rev. G. R. Calvert, which I consider one of the highlights of my term of office.

Chinook Lodge No. 47: This is the smallest lodge in the district but it seems to be in a more stable condition than it has been for years. New members are taking a good interest in the lodge and plans are being made for a program of education in Masonic work.

Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86: The records of this lodge are exceptionally well kept. They have a good membership and their financial position is strong.

I was pleased to be introduced by that grand old Mason, R.W. Bro. Chappell and was glad to note that he still attends when his health permits. This lodge is making steady growth with seven new members being taken in during the past year.

I wish to say in conclusion that I consider it a great privilege to have served as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 8. It has been a rewarding experience and I wish to express my appreciation to all those who helped make my task a pleasant one .

I extend to Bro. Harper my congratulations on his appointment.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

F. A. TUSTIAN., JR.,

D.D.G.M., District No. 8.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 9

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to present for your approval my report as D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 9 for the year 1953-54.

The District Meeting was held in Coronation on Tuesday, August 4th, 1953. All six lodges in the district were well represented, there being a total of 72 who registered. Registration was at 5:15 p.m. and at 5:30 p.m. the Lodge was formally opened, after which the D.D.G.M. was officially presented in form. The banquet was held

in the United Church Hall at 6:30 p.m. with the catering being done by the O.E.S. After the banquet there was a very short program with toasts and a vote of thanks to the ladies.

At 7:30 p.m. the Lodge was opened by the D.D.G.M. after which the Grand Master and his party were received with Grand Honors and invited to seats in the East. The reports of the Masters of the constituent Lodges indicated that in most cases at least Masonry was in a very healthy condition. The report of the past D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. S. R. Hooper, was very comprehensive and interesting. W. Bro. R. R. Annett of Monitor Lodge was nominated for the position of D.D.G.M., but he felt obliged to decline due to other plans. W. Bro. Stuart Irving of Beaver Lodge (56) was then nominated. He accepted the nomination, and as there were no further nominations, he was declared elected, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

At the Grand Master's request, papers had been prepared on three very interesting subjects, "Responsibilities of Sponsors of Candidates", by Junior Wardens. Bro. E. Crawford, Junior Warden of Apollo Lodge led off the discussion on this paper. The second paper, "Duties of Investigating Committees", was presented by W. Bro. W. Wetter of Beaver Lodge, who read the paper prepared by his S.W. The third topic, "Duties of Examining Boards", was ably dealt with by W. Bro. Frank Dewar of Big Valley Lodge. These papers were ably presented and aroused some lively discussion. It is to be regretted that a few of the brethren who had been asked to prepare some material for the discussion either were not present or neglected to send in their material to be presented.

A highlight of the evening was the address by our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson. The theme of his address was "Not more members in Masonry, but more Masonry in Members." It is was inspirational address that makes us appreciate the many privileges and advantages we have as members of our great order.

VISITATIONS

I am convinced that if we are to keep our brethren interested and active in Masonry we must plan to have more than just Degree work in our Lodges. In my visits to Lodges of District No. 9, I stressed the importance of carrying on a planned educational program so that the Mason who has received his three degrees will find that his experiences there are but the beginning of his Masonic Education. An Educational Program in my own Lodge has been carried on for several years and I believe that it is paying good dividends in Lodge interest and attendance. Another point that I stressed was my belief that Masons should take part in community activities, not as Masons but as Masonic citizens. This, I believe, would reflect to the benefit of Masonry, and to the regard of the community for Masons in general.

On all my visits I was accompanied by one or more brethren from Coronation Lodge. I may say that their company was much appreciated as it helped to pass the time while en route to the more distant Lodges, to say the least.

Apollo Lodge No. 27, Monday, September 7th: Here I found an active Lodge where the officers and members are taking a keen interest in their Lodge and its work. Their meetings conflict with that of another organization, but attendance was good in spite of that. They have had degree work throughout the year and prospects are good.

Big Valley Lodge No. 140, Tuesday, October 6th: This Lodge is operating under a number of difficulties. Their meetings are held in a building that is also used extensively by other organizations. Their members come from a wide area and road and travel conditions are not always good. They are having some difficulty in maintaining interest and I suggested that they embark on an educational program to give their members something to do on evenings when there is no degree work. Their officers would benefit by being given a little educational work to prepare. I thoroughly enjoyed this visit with them and found a high degree of good fellowship.

Beaver Lodge No. 56, Wednesday, November 4th: This Lodge has added few new members during the past year but they manage to maintain considerable interest. Their efficient secretary, R.W. Bro. T. A. Marshall deserves much credit for organizing frequent visits to Coronation Lodge, Apollo Lodge and Alliance Lodge. Each June, members of Beaver Lodge and Coronation Lodge attend Divine Service together: one Sunday in Castor and another Sunday in Coronation. This usually makes for an impressive attendance. Their officers are traditionally efficient and take pride in putting on their work in an impressive manner.

Monitor Lodge No. 120, Monday November 9th: This Lodge meets in Consort. They own their building which some years ago was moved from Monitor. The visit at Monitor Lodge was highlighted by the fact that fourteen members of my own Lodge accompanied me there. This Lodge, while active, is having some difficulty in carrying on because of the removal from the district of some of their active members and experienced officers. I feel that they would benefit a great deal if they would arrange to visit other Lodges occasionally and carry out an educational program. They are at the extreme Eastern end of my district and are somewhat isolated. We of Coronation Lodge should make it a point to visit them more often than we do. They are very hospitable and always assure visitors of a very pleasant evening.

Ionic Lodge No. 45, Thursday, November 12 and Thursday, April 8, 1954: This Lodge has been having a difficult time to keep operating for several years. Attendance at meetings is usually small with only a quorum present on frequent occasions. A number of the resident members are up in years and frequently find it difficult or impossible to attend. New members initiated have frequently removed from the district. Visitors from Apollo Lodge attend many of their meetings which is greatly appreciated by the members of Ionic Lodge. I made my second visit at the request of the Lodge in an attempt to find a solution to their problems. It will be necessary for a few more of their resident members to make an extra effort to attend their

meetings. A good educational program might also create some interest. Perhaps the greatest lift would come if they had applications from persons who are more or less permanent residents of the district. It is my hope that the officers and members keep up their courage and bend every effort to plan something of interest for each meeting so as to maintain enough interest to keep the Lodge going until such time as their membership starts to build up.

Coronation Lodge No. 72 Thursday, February 11, 1954: On the whole I feel that my visit officially to my mother Lodge was merely routine. This Lodge has been very active for quite a few years, with quite a few new members being added each year. These new members have, on the whole, maintained their interest, and as they move along are making excellent officers. Interest has remained at a high level for a long time.

Conclusion: In conclusion I would like to express my appreciation of the manner in which I was received at the member Lodges on my official visits. Good fellowship and harmony are in evidence throughout the district, and the overall picture would indicate that Masonry is more than holding its own in the district as a whole. I do sincerely appreciate the privilege and honor of serving District No. 9 as its D.D.G.M. It has been a pleasure to meet with so many grand Masons, both young and old. I feel that the work is being carried on in most instances with a great deal of credit to the officers and members. I wish the best of luck to my successor, the D.D.G.M. elect, W. Bro. Stuart Irving of Beaver Lodge No. 56.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

M. R. BUTTERFIELD, D.D.G.M. No. 9.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 10

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother,

It is an honor and a pleasure to send you a report on the condition of Freemasonry in District No. 10 for the year 1953-54.

District Meeting: A satisfactory meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on October 8th, 1953. Registration at 3:00 p.m. The Worshipful Masters and in many cases both Wardens of all Lodges in the District were present. Between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. an informal discussion was held in the interests of the work and for the good of Freemasonry. With the officers of Empire Lodge No. 63 in the chairs, the meeting in the lodge room was opened in regular form, to be called from labor to refreshment that the brethren present might enjoy the banquet prior to the business session. A pleasant time was spent at the festive board. Wor. Bro. F. G. L. Mitchell proved himself an able toastmaster. The toast to the Grand Master

was proposed by Wor. Bro. Charlie Sinclair, and happily replied to by M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, the Grand Master. The brethren had the pleasure of hearing some brief but apt remarks from M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley and from R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, the Grand Secretary. The business meeting resumed in the lodge room; the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, was received with due honors, accompanied by the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert, the Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard, the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, and several other distinguished Grand Lodge Officers. The business of the meeting was accomplished in harmony, V.W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison, of Vermilion Lodge No. 24, was elected D.D.G.M. unanimously for the year 1954-55. Other highlights were on three subjects—"Responsibilities of Sponsors," "The Duties of Investigating Committees," and "The Duties of an Examining Board," by respectively Junior Wardens, Senior Wardens and Wor. Masters or Past Masters from six of the lodges in the District. The immediate past D.D.G.M.'s report from R.W. Bro. S. H. Hardin and the presentation to him by the Grand Master of the Regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. which all agreed was deservedly his for the good work done by him in the interests of Freemasonry in the District during his year in office. An instructive address by the M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, the Grand Master, on what Freemasonry has within its circle for every Freemason, and for the welfare of mankind the world over was enjoyed. The Grand Master brought greetings from M.W. Bro. George Moore and his regrets that he could not be present with us. A few brief words, due to the late hour were enjoyed from R.W. Bro. Heckbert, R.W. Bro. Sheppard and R.W. Bro. Rivers, after which the meeting was closed in regular form.

Constituting New Lodge: One of two important meetings in the District was held on Friday, August 7, 1953, when St. George's Lodge No. 169 was constituted by the Grand Master at Elk Point. This is a progressive step in a part of the Province where development is under way and future years should bring a steady growth in Freemasonry within the District. Congratulations to R.W. Bro. Dr. Miller who planned the project. Although the night was uncomfortably hot in the lodge room, we understand the meeting was in every way a success, and afterwards a pleasant social time was enjoyed by all present. I regret that owing to arrangements made in the spring, I could not be present.

Then on Wednesday, October 7th, 1953, Avon Glen Lodge No. 170 was constituted by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, in Acacia Hall, South Edmonton, when the meeting was attended by over 200 Masons. Almost all members of Avon Glen were there, and a large number of visitors from Edmonton and the adjoining country lodges. Again this lodge, a baby of Acacia No. 11, meets a definite need for the future of Freemasonry because of the large urban and industrial expansion in South Edmonton during the past three years. Congratulations to R.W. Bro. Murray Hamilton, who had the idea during his year as D.D.G.M. for the District, and to W. Bro. Charlie Sinclair who successfully piloted the craft while the lodge was working under dispensation.

We wish the officers and members of both these lodges every success in 1954 and in future years.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Acacia Lodge No. 11: This is the large lodge in the District. Very active, sound financially and progressive in its outlook. On Thursday, February 11, 1954, I visited the lodge officially. It was my pleasure to have present the Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. Ross Sheppard, and other Grand Lodge representatives. Opened in the 1st degree, the lecture and charge was given to a candidate, initiated at the previous meeting, after which the lodge was raised in the second and third degrees. All the officers are efficient and all the work is carefully prepared. The work done by the Secretary, Wor. Bro. Ken McTavish, and the way in which the books and records of the lodge are kept up to date by him deserves special mention. The business transacted included the financial report for the year 1953 and an interesting report by the Registrar which opened to the members what was being recorded in the Historical Register. At this meeting I had a talk with R.W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, a member of Acacia, who in October had received from the Grand Lodge of Ontario his 50 year Jewel as a Past D.D.G.M. Presentation of the Jewel to R.W. Bro. Whitby was made by M.W. Bro. George Ellis. We understand only five 50 year P.D.D.G.M. Jewels have been presented in the Dominion of Canada up to the present time. Congratulations R.W. Bro. Whitby. With Acacia Lodge the Freemasons in District No. 10, and no doubt in all Alberta wish you the best measure of good health for some years yet. The work in the lodge room was closed to give all present a happy and pleasant 30 minutes around the festive board before saying happy to meet again, at 11 p.m.

Vermilion Lodge No. 24: In a carload of six, four members of Vegreville Lodge No. 25, one of whom we picked up at Lavooy on the way, we arrived at Vermilion Lodge on my official visit, October 6, 1953, at 7:40 p.m. The Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. Carl Heckbert, and the Wor. Master, W. Bro. Mark Norton, welcomed us at the door and introduced me to the lodge members and visitors assembling. V.Wor. Bro. Payne, the Secretary, is efficient and proud of the lodge, as he has good reason to be. The lodge room is neat, providing good accommodation and furnishings and regalia in keeping with good Freemasonry. Total membership of 155, of which about 50 per cent. is non-resident, gives an average attendance of 25 to 30 per cent. of the total. The records are up to date; the Historical Register good, and the financial standing excellent as to dues, liabilities and insurance, etc. After a well conducted business meeting the first degree was conferred on two candidates—impressively to them—and in every way commendable to the Worshipful Master and the officers. With the lodge closed a very pleasant social hour was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. This Lodge continues to uphold and extend the high qualifications of Freemasonry among its members to the benefit of the town of Vermilion and the adjoining area.

St. John's Lodge No. 25, Vegreville: We got a beautiful day on which to make the trip from Edmonton to Vegreville on October 5, 1953, for my official visit to St. John's No. 25. The warmth of the reception by Wor. Bro. George Warren, his officers and the members of the lodge added to the pleasure of the day. The light of Free-

masonry too, was exemplified in the way in which the second degree, York Rite, was conferred on three candidates. The records of the lodge are in the care of a quiet, unassuming and good Secretary in the person of Wor. Bro. John Leach. The financial position is good, and the lodge is working in a strata well above the average, in a prosperous town and farming district. Special mention must be made of the way in which Rt. Wor. Bro. S. H. Hardin, P.D.D.G.M. in the District, has compiled as Registrar, a beautiful record of this lodge since its inception. This is an outstanding work which must have counted patience and time of value to the obtaining of a factual record of the highlights of the lodge and the lives of its members.

Hope Lodge No. 38, Manville: My official visit to Hope Lodge was made on October 12, 1953. The attendance was good in the number of lodge members present, and there were several visitors registered. Here we missed the late R.W. Bro. Clarence Torrance, P.D.D.G.M. in the district, who passed to the Grand Lodge above so suddenly and unexpectedly in June, 1953. His going is a loss to the fraternity and as well to Manville and the community where he held high the banner of brotherhood and manhood in all his activities. The Secretary, R.W. Bro. Crooks, went over the records with us, showing the lodge in sound financial standing and all well maintained in up to date order. Wor. Bro. M. B. van Dusen welcomed and received me in a warm and courteous manner. As a member of a city lodge, the impression prevailed of some of the strength in Freemasonry, met with before in the visits made to other country lodges. The bond of brotherhood seems to be active and alive, from the work being done by lodge members in this and other communities visited. The work in the first degree was conferred on one candidate. The work was well done. The officers are efficient and the future of the lodge in good hands. With the lodge closed an enjoyable 15 minutes were spent visiting a few old time friends. Then a happy social hour was enjoyed by all who attended the meeting, at the festive board, before saying good night at just about 12 midnight.

Empire Lodge No. 63: A warm welcome was extended to me when I visited my own lodge officially on Monday, February 15, 1954. I was accompanied by a few of the members of Grand Lodge in the city. There was a good number of members present and a good turn out of visitors. This was a regular meeting. The worshipful Master and the officers are proficient, and in the hands of the Secretary, W. Bro. Tom Jones, the records are kept in excellent shape and up to date. The activities of the lodge are good and have a strong support from the Past Masters in the best interests of Freemasonry. At the festive board an interesting set of colored pictures taken in Greece, Crete, Rome and Egypt was shown by Mr. R. E. Byron, Director of Vocational Education for Alberta. The accompanying talk Mr. Byron gave on the backward conditions today in Greece and other countries visited as a result of the war and the penetration of the communists into Europe was most instructive. Both the talk and the pictures shown were enjoyed by everyone.

Norwood Lodge No. 90: Having attended three or four meetings in Norwood during 1953, I received a cordial welcome on the evening

of my official visit February 2, 1954, from Wor. Bro. N. J. Christophers, the officers and several of the members. There was a very good attendance of both members and visitors. Again I had the pleasure of being attended by Grand Lodge members, including R.W. Bro. Cyril G. Havard, D.D.G.M. for District No. 12. This was a regular meeting. There is always a friendly atmosphere present when Norwood meets. Visitors get a special welcome each meeting from the West and are made to feel thoroughly at home. Any degree work done in the lodge is well done; the officers are all capable in their duties and there are a large number of Past Masters who maintain a healthy interest in the welfare of the lodge and its activities. The records of the lodge are well kept and are up to date, in the very capable hands of Wor. Bro. R. Barson, the Secretary. Finances are in excellent shape. This lodge has made steady progress over the past ten years or more, and with the sense and worth of brotherhood which prevails among its members it cannot but continue doing so. After the lodge was closed, a very happy time was had by all at the refreshment period, during which a Grey Cup film was shown and enjoyed.

Kitscoty Lodge No. 131: For my official visit to Kitscoty Lodge on October 27, 1953, Wor. Bro. F. Mitchell and I arrived by bus just about noon that day. The meeting was called for 8 p.m. I had a very enjoyable two hours in the afternoon with a friend of some years, R.W. Bro. Seward. I have to mention here the hospitality extended to Wor. Bro. Mitchell and myself by him and Mrs. Seward. Their invitation to a very enjoyable supper and an equally pleasant hour afterwards before leaving to prepare for the meeting was a happy time in good company. Harvest being well completed in the district the attendance was excellent. About 70 per cent. of the lodge members registered present; the total membership is 60 of which seven only are actually resident in the town. The visitors came from Vegreville, Vermilion and Alix in Alberta, and Britannia Lodge, Lloydminster and from Carrot Creek in Saskatchewan. The Secretary, Wor. Bro. J. G. Inglis, who farms five miles from town produced the records showing the affairs of the lodge up to date, and in very good shape. The Historical Register was a little behind but will be worked on to bring it up to date also. The officers are efficient. Never a large lodge, chartered in 1923, it held firmly together through the hard times of the 1930's. The area for membership is limited, as Kitscoty is midway between Vermilion and Lloydminster, both large urban centres comparatively. There was no degree work in hand for the evening. The Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. J. Batty, gave me a pleasing and impressive reception in the lodge. The opening of the lodge to the second and third degrees was well done, and the business handled in a true masonic manner. The lodge was closed at about 10 o'clock when all present adjourned to the Legion Hall where a well-laden table was set out for our enjoyment. The Junior Warden, Bro. L. G. Perks, presided as toastmaster, and did so in a highly commendable way. This is something which might be done more frequently from the standpoint of education to the officers coming up to the Master's chair. The evening was one where many spoke, and all had the opportunity to do so. An enlightening and worthwhile evening which was enjoyed by everyone present.

St. Alban's Lodge No. 145, St. Paul: On my official visit to St. Alban's Lodge on Saturday, the 26th of September, 1953, I was heartily welcomed and received by the Wor. Master, W. Bro. W. Lingings, the officers and members of the lodge. Although harvesting was in full swing there was a good attendance of members, and visitors were present from Vegreville, Vermilion and Elk Point, some with dual membership in St. Alban's. After a well conducted business session, the first degree was conferred on one candidate. The degree work was very well done. The membership in St. Alban's from its location has been limited, drawing largely from the nearby villages, hamlets and the farming area. In the past two years some development of the natural resources has taken place, and prospects of a steadier growth are in sight. The officers of the lodge in the past are to be congratulated for their tenacity and faith in holding the lodge together through difficult years. The books and records of the lodge are in the capable hands of Wor. Bro. W. G. Fuller, the Secretary. Furnishings and regalia are good, but the lodge accommodation has not been adequate. Arrangements are now just about completed to give a larger and much more suitable lodge room, which should meet the needs of the lodge for the future. With the lodge closed, a very enjoyable time was had by those who attended the meeting at the festive board. Quite a few members spoke, and some of the visitors to the pleasure and enjoyment of the evening.

St. George's Lodge No. 169, Elk Point: On Tuesday, September 15, 1953, my first official visit was made to St. George's. Previously mention has been made of the Constituting of this lodge in August, 1953. The records of the lodge were found to be set up satisfactorily by the Secretary, R.W. Bro. Dr. Miller. The Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. R. E. Beattie, gave me a warm welcome in the lodge and with his officers proved their proficiency by the manner in which the first degree was conferred on one candidate. Following this a business session was handled easily and efficiently. The accommodation for a new lodge is excellent; furnishings and regalia adequate. The financial arrangements are sound and all property interests fully covered by insurance. The district around Elk Point has now the basis for some steady growth in Freemasonry. The total membership at the year end is 37. At the time of the meeting harvesting operations were in full swing, delaying the opening till after 8:30 and keeping some members from attending. After the lodge was closed, a very pleasant social hour or more was enjoyed by everyone, before breaking up some time after midnight.

Avon Glen Lodge No. 170: My official visit to No. 170 was made on Wednesday, February 3rd, 1954. I had visited the lodge on two or three occasions in 1953 and taken a small part in the installation ceremony on December 2nd. Wor. Bro. Windwick, the Worshipful Master, extended me a warm welcome as D.D.G.M. in the lodge. The officers installed for 1954 are mostly young men, keen and capable with the opportunity of seeing their lodge build year by year a very much worthwhile brotherhood among the Masons in the city. The records have been carefully set up, and in the hands of R.W. G. P. Puffer are in safe keeping. The financial position is good. Work in the lodge is well done, and practices are held for all degree

work coming up. Credit has to be accorded Wor. Bro. Sinclair and his Secretary, the late R.W. Bro. Harry Fowler, for the good work done while the lodge was working under dispensation.

Before closing this report, my very sincere thanks to the officers and members of all lodges in the District for their assistance and kindness. Vegreville and Vermilion Lodges especially did all they could to make my country meetings happy occasions.

I am indebted to Wor. Bro. Fred Mitchell for his congenial company as a travelling companion, and as well for his cheerful and willing help at the meetings, and in whatever work had to be talked over and attended to.

Generally, Freemasonry in District No. 10 is making normal progress and nothing of a prevalent nature appears to indicate such progress may not continue steadily for some few years. The Grand Lodge Bulletins are made available to the members of all lodges in the District, with a definite interest in this publication which fills a valuable place in the best interests of the fraternity.

It has been a pleasure and privilege, Most Worshipful Master, to serve as District Deputy in District No. 10.

To my successor in office, V.W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison, my very good wishes for a happy and successful year.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

D. A. THOMSON, D.D.G.M., District No. 10.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 11

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 11 for the 1953-54 term.

The District is still comprised of seven lodges, for although Pyramid Lodge No. 108 surrendered its charter in November, Milo Lodge U.D. is very successfully taking its place.

Although there has been a membership loss of 13 during the past year for various reasons, the overall gain has been seven with the total membership now standing at 386. There have been five members demitted, two suspended N.P.D., and six have passed on to the Grand Lodge above. The attendance at regular meetings still averages about 50 per cent. of the resident members.

The lodges in the District are in excellent financial condition. Liquid assets total \$7,834.57. Liabilities amount to \$2,125.60. This is mostly prepaid dues with the exception of Milo who are purchasing

their hall and regalia, etc. Total assets over liabilities is \$19,149.58. There are 44 members in arrears owing \$503.50. Five of our lodges now own and meet in their own lodge rooms.

I can say, wholeheartedly, that the lodges of the District are in exceptionally fine condition. The quality of the work is excellent and there is a fine amount of fraternal visiting coupled with a wonderful fellowship and fraternal feeling. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for the cordiality with which I was received on my visits and for the support given me by the Brethren.

Robert Burns Lodge, Carmangay, No. 49. Membership 42. Lodge meets in its own hall. The work is well done with very capable officers. The meetings are harmonious and very well conducted.

Vulcan Lodge No. 74, Vulcan. This is the largest lodge in the district with a membership of 110. It is very active with competent officers and the work very well done. Again this year it was host to the lodges of the district at its annual game supper which is one of the outstanding meetings of the year. The Master and members of Vulcan Lodge have been very helpful to Milo Lodge U.D.

Champion Lodge No. 84, Champion. Lodge has a membership of 63 and meets in its own lodge rooms. Here, too, the work is well done and the meetings well conducted with competent officers. The Lodge is very active.

Nobleford Lodge No. 111, Nobleford. This a small Lodge with a membership off 33, of whom only 10 are resident. Its meetings, however, are well conducted with an average attendance of nine. This lodge displays a very fine fraternal spirit and for its size is quite active.

Granite Lodge No. 127, Blackie. Lodge has a membership of 86 and meets in its own Lodge rooms. It is active with very good officers. The work is well done and the Lodge has many fraternal visits with other district lodges.

Cresset Lodge No. 136, Barons. Lodge membership is 42 and meets in its own lodge rooms. The work is very well done and the Lodge has been very active this year. Their own new hall is a very fine asset.

Milo Lodge U.D., Milo. This new lodge has a membership of 10 and meets in its own lodge rooms. I attended their first degree and was thrilled with their wonderful work and the fine degree of interest displayed. The Lodge in all respects is particularly fine.

Our district meeting was held in Nobleford and was quite well attended. The lodges of the district are functioning very well with Masonry becoming more active and more secure materially as well as more vital and meaningful, spiritually and fraternally.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. H. KANE, D.D.G.M., District No. 11.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 12

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I deem it an honor and a privilege to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. for District No. 12 for the year 1953-54.

Firstly, I should like to thank the brethren of the District for the high honor they conferred on me in electing me D.D.G.M. and the M.W. the Grand Master for confirming my election. I should also like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the officers and members of each and every Lodge in the District for the very cordial manner in which I was received on all of my visits and a special thank you to the P.D.D.G.M.s and my loyal secretary, Wor. Bro. Reg. Parton, for their co-operation and support.

The annual District Meeting of District No. 12, was held in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on Thursday, September 24, 1953. Registration commenced at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was opened by Wor. Bro. Orley Byers and the regular officers of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92. As D.D.G.M., I was officially welcomed and declared the meeting open.

The M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, attended by M.W. Bro. George Moore, Rt. Wor. Bro. E. H. Rivers and other Grand Lodge officers, were received with Grand Honours and welcomed to the East. Best wishes for a speedy return to good health were extended M.W. Bro. George Moore, retiring Grand Secretary. M.W. Bro. George Moore thanked the D.D.G.M. and brethren for their good wishes and expressed the hope that they would continue to keep up the high standard of candidates and not let Freemasonry down. Rt. Wor. Bro. E. H. Rivers was welcomed as Grand Secretary. He added his good wishes to M.W. Bro. George Moore and thanked the brethren for electing him.

Rt. Wor. D. Thomson, D.D.G.M. District No. 10, and Rt. Wor. Bro. H. C. Neal, D.D.G.M. District No. 19, brought greetings and best wishes from their respective Districts.

The minutes of the last District Meeting were read and adopted. Every Lodge in the District was represented. Reports concerning general conditions and prospects of each Lodge were presented and commented on by the M.W. the Grand Master. This was followed by a general discussion. The brethren were called from labor to refreshment at 5:25 p.m.

Dinner was served in the banquet room of the Temple at 6 p.m. A toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by Wor. Bro. J. Carmichael, of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142. In replying to the toast, the M.W. the Grand Master entertained the brethren with a number of interesting anecdotes on experiences of his Masonic travels.

At 7:30 p.m. the brethren were called from refreshment to labor and the meeting was resumed in the Lodge Room.

R. Wor. Bro. W. J. Tiplin, P.D.D.G.M., presented his report, outlining the highlights of his year as D.D.G.M. for District No. 12. The M.W. the Grand Master then presented Rt. Wor. Bro. Tiplin with the P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia and complimented him on his work.

Report on credentials was given by Wor. Bro. Roy T. Martins. Sixty-one brethren were present. Only one nomination for D.D.G.M. was received and Wor. Bro. Art Potter, West Edmonton Lodge No. 101, subject to the approval of the M.W. the Grand Master, was declared elected D.D.G.M. District No. 12 for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next District Meeting in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton.

A very interesting and enlightening program and discussion followed. Bro. J. McMaster, Junior Warden, Jasper Lodge No. 14, presented an informative paper on "Responsibilities of Sponsors." A discussion led by Wor. Bro. Eric Baker and Wor. Bro. Roy T. Martins of West Edmonton Lodge No. 101, was enthusiastically entered into by the brethren.

Bro. K. Ford, Senior Warden, Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, ably presented a paper on "Duties of Investigating Committees." A lively discussion led by Wor. Bro. Mark Robertson and Wor. Bro. Fred Sloane, Jasper Lodge No. 14, followed.

V.Wor. Bro. Reg. Horner, West Edmonton Lodge No. 101, presented a very instructive paper on "Duties of an Examining Board." This was followed by an interesting discussion led by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. E. Briggs, West Edmonton Lodge No. 101.

The M.W. the Grand Master added his suggestions and comments on each of the papers and complimented the brethren on the preparation and presentation of their assignments. A question and answer period followed.

The M.W. the Grand Master thanked the brethren for their goodly attendance and expressed his appreciation of the good work and efforts of the District Secretary, Bro. Reg Parton. The highlight of the meeting was an inspiring address by the M.W. the Grand Master in which he stressed the importance of getting Masonry into Masons -- not men into Masonry.

The D.D.G.M. thanked the M.W. the Grand Master for his interesting address and on behalf of the brethren of District No. 12 expressed high praise and thanks to M.W. Bro. George Moore for his able and constructive work in the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and Masonry wheresoever dispersed. The D.D.G.M. thanked the brethren for the splendid attendance and for the wholehearted manner in which they entered into the discussions and hoped they would carry back to their lodges and communities renewed inspiration to practise the fundamental principles of Freemasonry in their daily lives.

The meeting was closed with the assistance of the M.W. the Grand Master.

Onoway Lodge No. 138: My first official visit was made September 3rd to Onoway Lodge for their regular meeting. This is a small country Lodge, but the majority of resident members were in attendance. The meeting was conducted in an efficient manner. The affairs of the Lodge appear to be in good condition. The books were found to be in good order. I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. Alex Paton, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Tiplin and Bro. Gordon Bremness, and W.M. Ivor Livingstone accorded us a real Masonic welcome.

Whitecourt Lodge No. 153: On September 4 I visited Whitecourt Lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. Orley Byers, W.M. Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Stan Govenlock. The officers conducted their Regular Meeting with W.M. J. C. Hill in the chair. Work was done in a capable manner after which the third degree was conferred by Past Masters assisted by others. This was a special occasion, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the instituting of Whitecourt Lodge. V.W. Bro. H. C. Merrifield gave a very interesting review on the progress of the Lodge.

Mayerthorpe Lodge No. 148: September 8 I visited Mayerthorpe Lodge. The officers with W.M. C. S. Buxton in the chair, conducted their regular meeting and then conferred the second degree, all of which was done in a very proficient manner. I was accompanied on this visit by Rt. Wor. Bro. Harry Taylor. We enjoyed the evening very much.

Pembina Lodge No. 126 (Sangudo, Alberta): My official visit to Pembina Lodge was made on November 2, at the regular meeting. This Lodge has a very small membership. No degree work was exemplified. Regular business was conducted in an able manner and followed by an interesting discussion on ways and means of creating greater interest and activity in the Lodge work. W.M. Wm. Lewis is endeavouring to make the meetings interesting and to encourage better attendance. I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. D. Penman and Bro. Elmer Dickout.

Patricia Lodge No. 91: On January 15, 1954, I made my official visit to Patricia Lodge for their regular meeting. Although the weather was bitterly cold, attendance was very good. I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. H. Taylor, Rt. Wor. Bro. D. Penman, Rt. Wor. Bro. E. Beckwith, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. E. Briggs, V.Wor. Bro. Wm. Freifield, V.Wor. Bro. W. R. Horner, and a number of Worshipful Masters from sister Lodges in the city. W.M. Ross Guy welcomed us warmly and conducted the business of the meeting in a very capable manner. This Lodge is in a very healthy condition financially, and Masonry is continuing to progress.

West Edmonton Lodge No. 101: I made my official visit to West Edmonton Lodge on January 20. W.M. Dan Ritchie and regular officers opened the Lodge and welcomed me and accompanying brethren, after which the first degree was conferred on five candidates by Wor. Bro. A. T. Potter in the chair of King Solomon, assisted by two Past Masters and side benchers. The degree was exemplified in a very proficient manner and the candidates appeared to be deeply impressed. This Lodge is in very good condition. The officers, brethren

and secretary are very keen as to their responsibilities. I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. D. Penman, Rt. Wor. Bro. H. Taylor, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Tiplin, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. E. Briggs and a number of Worshipful Masters from city Lodges.

Jasper Lodge No. 14: On January 25 I paid my official visit to Jasper Lodge. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. L. C. Stevens and warmly welcomed by W.M. R. A. Crowle. Regular officers conferred the first degree with proficiency. Attendance was good, Lodge work and the condition of Masonry in this Lodge is excellent. On my official visit to Jasper Lodge I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. D. Penman, Rt. Wor. Bro. H. Taylor, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Tiplin, V. Wor. Bro. W. R. Horner, Wor. Bro. Art Potter and Wor. Bro. A. E. Kilburn.

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92: On February 11 it was my pleasure to make my official visit to my mother Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, I was presented by Rt. Wor. Bro. M. A. McIntyre and welcomed by W.M. K. A. Ford. This being the regular meeting no degree work was done. Business before the Lodge was conducted with dignity and dispatch. Affairs of this Lodge are in good condition and Masonry is progressing. I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Tiplin, Rt. Wor. Bro. D. Penman, Rt. Wor. Bro. H. Taylor, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. E. Briggs, V. Wor. Bro. W. R. Horner and a number of Worshipful Masters from city Lodges.

Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142: February 18 I made my official visit to Ivanhoe Lodge. I was introduced by W. Bro. James Carmichael and welcomed by W.M. H. C. Hepburn. Regular business meeting was held, followed by conferring the first degree, which was done in a very able manner. This Lodge is in a good financial position and has a large membership. I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. H. Taylor, Rt. Wor. Bro. D. Penman, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Tiplin, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. E. Briggs and a large number of members of the Masters', Wardens' and Deacons' Association.

During the year it was my privilege to act as Installing Master at the Installation Ceremony of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, assisted by Past Masters of the Lodge. Wor. Bro. K. A. Ford was installed as Worshipful Master. It was also my pleasure to act as Installing Master at Gateway Lodge No. 164, assisted by Grand Lodge officers and Wor. Masters of a number of sister Lodges, installing Wor. Bro. Reg Parton, District Secretary, as Worshipful Master.

On April 22 it was my privilege and honor to occupy the Chair of King Solomon in Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, and assisted Grand Lodge officers, past and present, to confer the third degree on five candidates.

During my visits to the Lodges I endeavored to impress upon the brethren the importance and responsibility of practising the fundamental principles of Freemasonry in their daily lives. I am pleased to report Masnry in District No. 12 is of a high standard. The work is exemplified with dignity and proficiency.

I should like to take this opportunity to congratulate my successor, Wor. Bro. Art Potter, and to wish him the very best; also to

again thank the brethren of the District, the District Secretary and the P.D.D.G.M. whose support and co-operation have added so much to make my year a pleasant and memorable one.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, may I once more thank you for confirming my election. I assure you it has given me much pleasure and enjoyment to have served as D.D.G.M. for District No. 12 for the year 1953-54.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

CYRIL C. HAVARD, D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 13

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother,

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report as District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District No. 13, generally named the Peace River District, for the year 1953-54.

I would first, Most Worshipful Grand Master, like to thank you for your kind advice and helpful instructions in carrying out the duties of my office. I would also like to express to all the brethren in Masonic District No. 13 my sincere appreciation for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me as your representative in this District and also to thank them for their kindness and co-operation on the occasion of all my official visits.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, High Prairie, Alta., on Wednesday, July 15, 1953. Registration commenced at 2 p.m. and many brethren enjoyed the opportunity of meeting informally with the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, M.W. Brother George Moore, P.G.M. The District Meeting was opened by the officers of Wahpun Lodge No. 88. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. V. Maurice, P.D.D.G.M., and received in due form. I had the pleasure and privilege of receiving you, Most Worshipful Sir, as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, also receiving our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M., and M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, P.G.M.

The minutes of the last District Meeting held at Hythe on June 25, 1952, were read and confirmed. All lodges were represented at this District Meeting with the exception of Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106 and Northland Lodge No. 147; these no doubt were absent on account of the heavy rains and muddy roads. The reports from the Lodges were given by the Worshipful Masters or their representatives. After these reports were given, the M.W. Grand Master commented briefly on them and congratulated the various lodges on their

apparent improvement, pointing out the advantage of members attending Grand Lodge and their District Meetings. Brother Roy Ells, S.W. of Wahpun Lodge No. 88, read a paper on the responsibility of sponsors, a discussion was led by W. Bro. M. F. Lewis of Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105. M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, P.G.M., presented to the M.W. Grand Master, V.W. Bro. C. C. Henderson of Hythe Lodge No. 156 to be invested as a Grand Steward. Bro. Henderson was congratulated by the Grand Master and other brethren, after which Bro. Henderson made a suitable reply. A paper was then read by W.Bro. D. Blackie of Spirit River Lodge No. 116 followed by a paper by Bro. Dane of Sexsmith Lodge No. 160 on the duties of Investigating Committees, the discussion being led by R.W. Bro. C. A. Campsall, P.D.D.G.M. of Peace River Lodge No. 89.

This concluded the afternoon meeting which recessed at 5:30 p.m. A buffet supper was provided by Wahpun Lodge No. 88 in the Elks' Hall which gave the brethren the opportunity of meeting each other in a social manner. The usual toasts were drunk and honored after which the M.W. Grand Master addressed us, followed by the R.W. Grand Secretary who gave us a very interesting address on Freemasonry and expressed his regrets on his retirement as Grand Secretary.

The evening meeting was resumed at 8:30 p.m. when the duties of an Examining Committee for visitors was exemplified by V.W. Bros. Norman Leslie and J. Putters of Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105, M.W. Bro. Sam Harris then presented R.W. Bro. A. H. Abbott of Hythe Lodge No. 156 with the regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. as a slight token of appreciation from the brethren of Masonic District No. 13. R.W. Bro. Abbott very fittingly replied.

W.Bro. H. Murray of Sexsmith Lodge No. 160 was unanimously elected as District Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year and Sexsmith chosen as the place of the District Meeting.

The M.W. Grand Master then addressed the brethren, emphasizing the responsibility of being a member of the Craft and all members should live and conduct their lives within the meaning of Freemasonry, stressing the high regard in which Freemasonry is held by those who are not members of the Craft. The Grand Master stated there was no place on earth where we could obtain fellowship as that existing among Freemasons. This was borne out by the great distances a member travels in order to attend the meetings of his lodge and other Masonic gatherings. Because we love Masonry, our fellow man and the brotherhood of men, one of our objects should be to get Masonry into our members and not men into Masonry. The Grand Master also deplored the number of members drifting away from Freemasonry and asked what action could be taken to remedy this situation. The Grand Master's address was enjoyed by all present and will be remembered by all those who were privileged to hear it. M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, Editor of our Grand Lodge Bulletin, gave a short talk on the objects of the Bulletin, and stated its circulation was steadily increasing, the object being that every member of our Grand Jurisdiction should receive a copy of the Bulletin. We are fortunate in Masonic District No. 13 in that practically 100 per cent.

of our members do receive the Bulletin. The District Meeting closed at 10:30 p.m. thus enabling the brethren attending from a distance to leave for their homes at a reasonable time.

Wahpun Lodge, No. 88: This being my own Lodge, I officially visited it on December 10, 1953. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. V. Maurice, P.D.D.G.M. This was a regular meeting and much to the disappointment of the Worshipful Master and myself only a small number of members were present. The business of the lodge was disposed of quickly and efficiently. There was no degree work. This Lodge owns their lodge hall, they have a building fund and propose to build an addition to the hall as soon as sufficient funds are available. Country members travel considerable distances to attend Lodge. All accounts and records are up to date. This lodge is the furthest distant from other lodges in this district. In my address I suggested that lodge members would derive great benefit if they visited other Lodges, and also support the W.M. and officers by attending lodge regularly.

Peace River Lodge No. 89: Accompanied by several brethren of my own Lodge, I made my first official visit as D.D.G.M. on September 3, 1953. I was received so cordially that I felt if all my receptions were to be like this, I would have a very pleasant year of office as your representative in Masonic District No. 13. This was the first meeting after their Installation which was held on June 23 followed by the summer recess. All officers excepting the S.W. were present. The usual business was conducted very efficiently. The first degree was conferred on four candidates in a very impressive manner. This lodge is very active and gaining steadily in membership. They own their hall which is beautifully decorated and furnished. The books and records are well kept by the capable Secretary, W.Bro. T. A. Norris, Jr. I read a paper explaining the Charge and the preparation of a candidate, which appeared to be appreciated by those present. After the meeting a lunch in the banquet room brought this fine meeting to a close.

Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105: My official visit was made to Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105 on November 12, 1953. It was a great pleasure to have with me on this occasion M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, P.G.M., R.W. Bro. V. Maurice, P.D.D.G.M., and my Secretary, Bro. P. H. Jones. We were received in a most cordial manner, a good attendance was present which enabled us to meet many old friends and, I hope, to make new ones. All the officers of the Lodge except the W.M. were present. We regret the unavoidable absence of the W.M. W. Bro. Kujath, I.P.M., conducted the business of the evening in a very capable manner. There being no degree work I had the pleasure of addressing the brethren on what is expected of a Mason both in and outside the lodge. This lodge was unfortunate in that their Secretary left the district some time ago and his duties were carried on by the W.M. They now have a new secretary who is fulfilling his duties very satisfactorily. This is a strong and active lodge with a good future ahead of it. The accounts are in fairly good condition and up to date. The Black Book and the Historical Register were destroyed by fire some time ago but new books have been obtained and the Secretary assured me these would be brought up to date as

far as it was possible to do so, in the near future. The lodge owns its hall which is indeed a very attractive one. It was built recently and is nicely decorated and beautifully finished both inside and out, and also well furnished. From my observations and personal contacts, the spirit of harmony and goodwill exists among the brethren. I made a return visit to this lodge on March 11, 1954. The Master Mason Degree was conferred on four candidates; those taking part conferred this degree in a very impressive manner. It was my pleasure and privilege to present to V.W. Bro. Norman Leslie, P.G. Steward, a certificate from the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri appointing him as their Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The brethren of Masonic District No. 13 appreciate the action of our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson in making this recommendation to the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106: My official visit was made to this lodge on November 5, 1953, being accompanied by M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, P.G.M., and R.W. Bro. V. Maurice, P.D.D.G.M., both of whom are members of my own lodge. This was a regular meeting and we were cordially received by the W.M. and his officers and brethren. The business was conducted in an able manner. There being no degree work and no member was present at Grand Lodge or the District Meeting I told them of some of the highlights that took place at these meetings. It is with regret that I consider this lodge does not have a very bright future. Their membership is small and scattered and no candidates have been received since early in the year of 1952. The books were found to be in good order with the exception of the Historical Register which has not been written up since 1939. The Secretary assured me this Register would be written up to date in the near future. They own their hall and are financially sound. This lodge has the smallest membership of any lodge in this district. A number of visiting brethren were present from Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105 and Peace Lodge No. 126, Dawson Creek, B.C.

Spirit River Lodge No. 116: My official visit to this lodge was made on September 21, 1953. My Secretary, Bro. P. H. Jones, accompanied me on this occasion. There was a good attendance including several Past Grand Lodge officers. Forty-three members signed the register. I learned the W.M. was leaving to reside in the U.S.A. I noticed the lodge takes great pride in their work; the first degree was conferred on a candidate who is a personal friend of mine. The officers are well skilled in their work. The lodge owns its hall and is in an excellent financial condition. The books and records are in the hands of their capable secretary, W.Bro. R. H. Thompson, who is a pillar of strength to his lodge. Only one member is in arrears of dues. A new mosaic block floor has recently been laid in the lodge room; this gives the room a very beautiful appearance.

Northland Lodge No. 147: Accompanied by R.W. Bro. V. Maurice, P.D.D.G.M., I made my official visit to this lodge on October 13, 1953. We were received in a very kindly manner and welcomed by the members. Thirty-seven signed the register. Harvesting prevented several members from being in attendance, including the W. Master,

Bro. H. H. Constine. This lodge rents its lodge room which is located above a general store. The lodge room, whilst not large, is comfortable. I was informed the lodge had purchased two lots and were contemplating building their own hall as soon as funds permitted. The business was conducted in a very able manner by the I.P.M., Bro. Penson. The Master Mason degree was conferred on two members, those taking part in the work being well skilled, which was a credit to the lodge. I found some records not quite up to date, the Historical Register not being written up since 1946, but the Secretary, who had but recently assumed office, assured me all records including the Historical Register would be brought up to date immediately. The financial problem should be no concern to this lodge, it being situated in a growing and established community. As this lodge was not represented at either Grand Lodge or the District Meeting, I endeavored to give them the highlights of what was transacted at both meetings with the hope that they would be represented both at Grand Lodge and our District Meeting this year.

Hythe Lodge No. 156: My next official visit, and accompanied by R.W. Bro. V. Maurice, P.D.D.G.M., was to Hythe Lodge No. 156. Even though harvesting was in full swing, a good number of members were present to give us a fine welcome, with visitors from sister lodges and the present and past D.D.G.M.s from District No. 19 in the jurisdiction of British Columbia, both of whom I know personally. All the officers of the lodge were present excepting one of the Stewards. The work of the lodge was well conducted and showed excellent co-operation among its members. The third degree was conferred on Bros. S. M. Dunbar and Joseph Sage Gray, two excellent candidates. I found the books in good order and the Historical Register written up to date. Brother W. G. McClaflin, a young member just recently elected as Secretary, showed keen interest in his duties and under the supervision of R.W. Bro. A. H. Abbott should prove to be a good Secretary. This lodge owns their hall and are proud of their lodge, their financial condition is sound and steady progress can be expected.

Sexsmith Lodge No. 160: My official visit to this lodge was on the night of their regular meeting, October 6, 1953. I was pleased to have R.W. Bro. G. L. Berry, P.D.D.G.M., W.Bro. Fish and my Secretary, Bro. P. H. Jones, accompany me on this visit. We were received in a very cordial and friendly manner; a good spirit of fellowship prevails among the brethren. W. Bro. R. E. Campbell, the newly-elected Secretary, showed me the condition of the lodge was good. The lodge room is located in the basement of the Community Centre Building, newly decorated, and all of the work has been done by members of the lodge. The books are good shape and up to date excepting the Historical Register, which the W.M. promised would be attended to immediately. This lodge is financially sound but it was noted they have lost the record since, they were instituted many years ago, of having no members in arrears for dues. I note they now have two members in arrears. There was no degree work after the business of the evening was transacted. I gave an address pointing out the interest members should take both in and outside the lodge. I think this address was appreciated. Steady progress can be expected from this lodge.

CONCLUSION

I visited all the lodges in my district officially once, and made one or two unofficial visits to some of them. All members of Masonic District No. 13 are receiving the Grand Lodge Bulletin. Financially the condition of all lodges is sound, with the exception of one lodge which I regret is in rather a dormant condition; the prospects of the other lodges are bright.

I wish to personally thank Bro. P. H. Jones for his efficient work as my District Secretary, to my successor, W.Bro. Harry Murray, I wish him a very successful year as D.D.G.M. and I request all the officers and members of Masonic District No. 13 to give him the same splendid co-operation and inspiration that they have given me during my term of office as their D.D.G.M. I wish particularly to thank M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, P.G.M., for his kindly encouragement, advice and assistance at all times.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,

W. G. GILPIN, D.D.G.M., District No. 13.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 14

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother,

I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 14 for the year 1953-1954.

Our District Meeting was held in Hanna on Wednesday, August 12, 1953, at 2 p.m., at which, Most Worshipful Sir, we were honored by your presence accompanied by M.W. Brother George Moore. The afternoon meeting, I can assure you, proved a very instructive one to the large group of Brothers attending. The banquet was enjoyed by all and your address, Sir, was very much appreciated; also M.W. Brother Moore seemed to excel himself knowing it would be his last meeting in Hanna. There seemed to be many sad thoughts at losing such a fine Grand Secretary.

The reports from the Masters of the respective lodges appeared favorable showing Masonry in District No. 14 in a very healthy and progressive condition. Nominations for District Deputy Grand Master 1954-55 office term were voted on and W. Bro. E. O. Coultis was elected as my successor.

August 22nd I visited Berry Creek Lodge No. 158 at Pollockville. They have young officers working here who, ably assisted by W.Bro. Coultis and R.W. Bro. Hugh Forester put on a first Degree. This lodge is in good financial condition and shows steady growth.

I visited Hand Hills Lodge No. 98 in Delia on September 7; there was a very good attendance. The lodge room was newly decorated, all the woodwork varnished and the regalia refinished and polished. The general conditions were very neat and degree work was smart and showed progress.

On October 29 I visited Empress Lodge No. 161 where two Brethren were raised to the M.M. Degree, with the work being done in first class shape. With young officers taking over duties in this lodge everything shows signs of progress as well as being in a very healthy condition.

On December 2 I had the misfortune of breaking my leg, it being in a cast for two months thus hindering visits until March. On March 2nd I called on Oyen No. 104 finding a very busy lodge. They put on the M.M. Degree for three Brethren, which was very impressive being the York Rite. R.W. Bro. Cunningham accompanied me to the East and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Oyen Lodge is in good condition and progressing.

On March 16 I visited Acadia Lodge No. 82 at Youngstown, along with several Brethren from our Crocus Lodge. Acadia Lodge is to be congratulated on the way they have the lodge room fixed up, floor painted, new carpet all around, making an inviting impression. The officers have the work up and general conditions seem good.

My next call, March 29, was my official visit to my home lodge, Crocus No. 115. There were five Brethren from Oyen Lodge, eight from Youngstown and 17 from Hanna, this being the occasion of W. B. Larry Helmer of Hanna presenting the late V.W. Bro. Cottrell's 50-year Mason Plaque, 60-year Mason Plaque and Scroll from Hanna Lodge on his sixtieth anniversary, these being returned to Crocus, his home lodge. Many favorable references to the life of the late Bro. Cottrell and many fond memories were exchanged of the grand old Mason. W. Sir, I presented Crocus Lodge with a framed photo of myself in my regalia at this same meeting. Crocus Lodge has been quiet but have three new young members joining, which should revive it some.

My Hanna Lodge No. 78 visit on April 5 was a very pleasant one with a very large attendance. The officers did their work very smartly, raising two Brethren in a most creditable way. Hanna Lodge is planning on building a new Masonic Temple this year and the very active building committee reports favorably on the financing. This speaks well of the progressive Masonic conditions in Hanna.

Craigmyle Lodge No. 132 was my last official visit on April 13. Here I was greatly impressed by the large attendance and the fine Temple they have. The floor has been sanded, varnished and waxed, new carpet around and a new lighting system installed. There were 12 Brethren from Hanna with R.W. Bro. Helmer, R.W. Bro. Woody and R.W. Bro. Nelson present. Lunch was served at the conclusion of the meeting in their nicely equipped full basement room. Craigmyle has a flourishing lodge.

I have made several visits to Oyen and Hanna during the year and altogether, Worshipful Sir, the conditions in District No. 14 are in a very healthy, very progressive and strong fraternal circumstance.

In conclusion M.W. Sir, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor of being your representative for the past, most enjoyable, year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. A. WATERHOUSE, D.D.G.M., District No. 14.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 15

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother,

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on Masonic District No. 15 as your representative for 1953-54.

The annual meeting for the district for the year was held in the Community Centre at Trochu on August 11, 1953. All lodges were well represented; 75 Brethren were in attendance.

The District Meeting was opened at 3:45 p.m. by the officers of Irricana Lodge No. 137. After his reception the D.D.G.M. received the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William H. Jackson, the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, and M.W. Bro. LeRoy Bond, P.G.M.

The meeting was opened for discussion. In answer to a question the Grand Master stated that district meetings in this form were started in 1919. An informal discussion continued on topics pertaining to Freemasonry.

After the banquet at 6:30 p.m. the meeting was resumed when the Worshipful Masters of all Lodges reported that Masonry is in a strong and healthy condition throughout the district. W.Bro. Percy English of Cavell Lodge No. 125, Delburne, was elected as D.D.G.M. for 1954-55 subject to the approval of Grand Lodge. Delburne was chosen as the site of the district meeting for 1954.

Excellent papers were given on—

1. Responsibilities of sponsors.
2. Duties of Investigating Committees.
3. Duties of Examining Boards.

A spirited discussion followed on these topics. The meeting concluded with a very informative address by the Grand Master which was greatly appreciated by the Brethren.

I wish here to express my sincere thanks to the members of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 66 for arranging the district meeting. I also wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Sir, and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Moore for assisting me with the meeting.

During the year I visited officially the Lodges in the district as follows:

Irricana Lodge No. 137, June 16, 1953, and March 16, 1954.

Ancient Landmark No. 163, November 5, 1953.

Fidelity Lodge No. 76, November 10, 1953.

Cavell Lodge No. 125, December 21, 1953.

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 66, February 11, 1954.

Cypress Lodge No. 113, April 21, 1954.

Acme Lodge No. 60, April 22, 1954.

I also made several unofficial visits. It was a pleasure, Most Worshipful Sir, to accompany you on your official visit to Cavell Lodge No. 125, on November 16, 1935. Your address was most inspiring.

It was my privilege to be received on my first official visit by my son, W.Bro. W. A. Longson, Worshipful Master of Irricana Lodge No. 137 when I was presented with a watch suitably inscribed from my three sons in Masonry.

For the most part, the work of the Lodges is very good and the officers are taking a great interest in their work, especially where the junior officers have been given some of the work to do in preparing them for the principal offices. The books of each lodge are well kept, with the possible exception of one or two Historical Registers.

The membership remains nearly constant on an average throughout the district. Most lodges report 100 per cent. subscription to the Grand Lodge Bulletin.

A successful Masonic bonspiel was held at Trochu in January with all Lodges participating. R.W. Bro. Ben Mathers of Cypress Lodge is to be commended for his efforts in this regard.

The lodges have held various social events, of which Father and Son nights demand special comment.

The Banff Conference Papers assisted me greatly in the preparation of my talks to the Brethren. Various lodges have used material from these papers in their educational work when time permitted.

I wish to thank all members for their kind assistance, co-operation and reception in making my year as District Deputy Grand Master a pleasant and, I hope, a profitable one. I especially wish to thank those Brethren who accompanied me in my travels throughout the district.

Finally, may I extend to my successor, Worshipful Brother Percy English, my very best wishes for a successful year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

A. W. LONGSON, D.D.G.M., District No. 15.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 16

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother,

I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 16 for the year 1953-54.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall at Rockyford on Thursday, August 13, 1953.

The informal meeting was held in the afternoon at 3:30 p.m. with Grand Master M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, and all district lodges represented. The business in the afternoon consisted of interesting papers given on the following subjects: "Responsibilities of Sponsors," "Duties of Investigating Committees" and "Duties of Examining Boards," with all members entering the discussion.

A banquet was served to the brethren at 6:00 p.m. by the ladies of the O.E.S. Rockyford Chapter.

The lodge was opened in the evening at 8:30 p.m. by officers of the Rockyford Lodge.

The D.D.G.M. was received in due form and accorded the Grand Honors, followed by the Grand Master, M.W. W. H. Jackson, and Grand Secretary, M.W. Geo. Moore, who were also given the Grand Honors.

The reports of all lodges in District No. 16 were given at this time by the respective Masters.

I.P.D.D.G.M., the R.W. Bro. W. A. Treacy, gave a full report on District No. 16 for the past year, with all lodges showing progress and sound financial conditions.

Wor. Bro. Alf Hoivik of Carbon Lodge No. 107 was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1954-55, with the next district meeting to be held in Carbon.

The meeting was concluded by a fine address by M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson.

OFFICIAL VISITS

One official visit was made to each lodge in the district, and one unofficial.

Standard Lodge No. 152: I made my first official visit to Standard Lodge on August 17, 1953, with a goodly number of Past Masters in attendance. I had the pleasure of witnessing three new members being raised, with Wor. Bro. O. H. Christensen raising his own two sons. Standard Lodge has started a building fund for a badly needed new hall.

Drumheller Lodge No. 146: My official visit to Drumheller Lodge was made on February 16, 1954, and I had the pleasure of being in

attendance when R.W. Bro. W. R. Fulton, First Master and Past D.D.G.M., received his 50-year jewel. The members of the Drumheller Lodge were the lucky winners of the District No. 16 Curling Bonspiel.

Hussar Lodge No. 130: My official visit was recorded on November 9, 1953, with an excellent representation of brethren in attendance. The Hussar brethren can be proud of one of the finest lodge halls in District No. 16. Hussar Lodge has many fine young members who are working hard in their lodge work.

Rockyford Lodge No. 123: My home lodge with election of officers taking place on my official visit December 3, 1953. Rockyford was the host for District No. 16 Curling bonspiel. The Historical Register has not been kept up, but the present Master has appointed two members to bring it up to date before the end of the year. A building fund has been started for the construction of a new lodge hall.

Carbon Lodge No. 107: On my official visit on December 15, 1953, I was accorded the pleasure of witnessing four candidates being passed to the second degree, with R.W. Bro. Braisher giving an informative address as to the meaning of the degree. The Carbon Lodge hall has been moved and renovated, which is a grand improvement. I had the pleasure of hearing Wor. Bro. Alf Hoivik give an interesting address on his homeland—Norway—in regard to Masonic conditions in that country.

The Carbon Lodge Secretary, R.W. Bro. Braisher, can be commended on the splendid set of records.

Symbol Lodge No. 93: Symbol Lodge has a strong membership with considerable activity at all times. On my official visit on December 10, 1953, they held election of officers, a fine group of Masons for the coming year.

The condition of Masonry in District No. 16 is excellent, and all lodges are financially sound with new members coming in of the highest calibre.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Brethren of District No. 16 for the splendid co-operation and fellowship I received during my term of office.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WM. MacMILLAN, D.D.G.M., District No. 16.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 17

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother,

It is with honor and pleasure I submit for your approval my report for Masonic District No. 17 for the year 1953-54.

I have officially visited each lodge in the district once, and have visited the closer lodges two or three times. My reception on each occasion was most courteous and there is a fine Masonic spirit prevailing throughout the district.

Our District meeting was held in Chauvin on Thursday, August 16. The afternoon meeting was informal and a large number of questions were asked and answered in a very enlightening manner by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William H. Jackson, and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore. At six p.m. a banquet was served in the Legion Hall by the ladies of the Eastern Star. The evening meeting was opened by Wor. Bro. John Murray, Master of Albion Lodge. A very interesting and enjoyable evening was spent listening to papers that had been prepared as suggested by the Grand Master. Wor. Bro. John Davidson was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year subject to approval by the Grand Master. A very enlightening address was given by the Grand Master.

I will take this opportunity to thank the District Secretary Bro. Ken Saker of Albion Lodge No. 97 for the work he has done and assistance given me. I also appreciate the assistance given me by Albion Lodge and Buffalo Park Lodge. I sincerely thank the Brethren of Buffalo Park Lodge who accompanied me on my visits around the district and supplied the transportation; to them I am most grateful.

As my year of office draws to a close, may I say it has been a most enjoyable and profitable year for me. To meet and greet the brethren in the different lodges has been an inspiration. The kindness and hospitality displayed so generously every place I visited has strengthened me greatly.

Words of tribute like floral offerings are usually reserved for graveside services. How about giving a few to the living? I would like to express the sentiments of the brethren of District No. 17 on the retirement of M.W. Brother George Moore as Grand Secretary. George was one of the best informed and highly regarded of all Masons. He has poured the wine of fellowship with unstinting hand. It has stimulated and enlivened our meetings and sent us home with a warm glow in our hearts. May the great giver of all time grant him many years of health and happiness.

To my successor, Wor. Bro. John Davidson, may he enjoy the same courtesy and friendship extended to me.

Friendship, pure unselfish friendship, all through life's
allotted span,
Nurtures, strengthens, widens, lengthens man's affinity
with man.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

CLARK CHRISTIE, D.D.G.M., Masonic District No. 17.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 18

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother,

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to submit my report on the activities and condition of this district for year 1953-54.

I followed the example set by my predecessor and arranged official visits at early dates. I recommend this practice as it enables the district officers to complete their formal visits and examination of records early, thus leaving the remainder of the year for informal and fraternal visits.

Accordingly our official visits were completed in December. I would like to comment on the unfailing courtesy and co-operation of Lodge officers in having records available for examination. It pleases me to report that we found all records in good condition, well and truly kept and reference to the statistical report will verify that our lodges are strong financially. It is also a pleasure to report a strengthening of Masonic interest this year. There was a reasonable increase in membership in the District, consisting mostly of new Masons. Also, in this district of six city and three rural lodges, it is interesting to observe the improvements in lodge facilities outside the central Temple in Calgary.

It should be mentioned that Lodge officers also have been very cordial in their receptions. It has been a privilege to have been in the position to receive these courtesies. This reflects an attitude on the part of officers which shows their interest in Grand Lodge and their pleasure at visits from Grand Lodge officers. In return it has been our aim to try to leave some information of Masonic character and interest on the occasions of these visits. I would like to make known to those who read this report, it is the wish that Masters should be at their ease on these visits instead of being under strain in efforts to please the District Deputy.

Masters should understand that the district officers have the interests of all lodges very much at heart and their well-being is of great interest to them.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple in Calgary on October 24. I would suggest that some consideration be given to the predominantly city districts in respect of dates clashing with other events. On this occasion a football game was scheduled for Calgary and it was considered advisable to start the meeting in the afternoon and end with dinner. In spite of the other attraction a very good turn-out of members was on hand and you, M.W. Sir, have reason to feel pleased at the reception you received.

Every Lodge in the District was represented by the sitting Master and each presented a written report with verbal comments. These reports bear out my earlier statement that Masonic interest has

shown improvement this year. This interest is also reflected in the lodge officers themselves. In this respect I am pleased to say that in both official and informal visits I have found an excellent standard of work, both routine and degree.

We were indeed pleased to have and to hear you at our district meeting, M.W. Sir. The brethren recall with pleasure your remarks as well as the informal meeting we had before the meeting proper began. It was also my great pleasure to present to R.W. Bro. C. H. Westmore, retiring District Deputy, a set of regalia, the gift of the brethren of the District. A sad note was the absence of W. Bro. Gilbert Tremeer, of Concord No. 124, a faithful attender and assistant at district meetings. I regret that since that time this well-known brother has passed to the Great Beyond.

I should also report that in the election for the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the year 1954-55, the name of W. Bro. W. J. Wood of Crossfield No. 48 was the only one nominated and W. Bro. Wood accepted the office. My congratulations and best wishes for a successful year go to him.

A pleasing feature of the year's activities in this district is the custom of ladies' nights. In most cases the sitting Masters, and their ladies, of nearby lodges are invited as guests and I myself have been honored in this way a number of times. I find that this custom has the effect of binding the Masters of the lodges by close ties, both fraternal and social, consequently a strong bond develops among them. I look back to my own year as Master of the Lodge with the most pleasant memories of this nature. I also commend the right of all Masons to visit. I think that fraternal visits of lodge to lodge are very good, and the support given to the various Masters in these visits has been excellent this year.

I was asked to act as Installing Master for one of the Lodges in the District. Happily, W. Bro. Frank Flewelling, my District Secretary, accepted this duty with such help as was needed from myself and other interested Past Masters and brethren. It was a pleasure to be of some assistance to this Lodge. However, I would like to point out that in general I do not think this practice is for the good of the individual lodges. I believe that more interest can be created by having every lodge responsible for its own installation ceremony. If some lodges wish to work on a reciprocal basis with other lodges, however, I think great good can result.

In closing, W.M. Sir, I would like to express my pleasure at the chance given to serve you and, as a result, the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with you. I would also like to extend my thanks and appreciation to W. Bro. Frank Flewelling of Concord No. 124, who acted for me as District Secretary. He took on himself the entire load of district routine and his presence and company on our visits together was a delight.

Fraternally submitted

J. M. GARDINER, D.D.G.M., District No. 18.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 19

To the M.W. The Grand of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother,

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you as the first District Deputy Grand Master of the new Masonic District No. 19 during the past year and I submit to you a report of my activities in the district covering the year 1953-54.

May I first express thanks to the brethren of the district for electing me to the office of the D.D.G.M. and also for their co-operation and kindly receptions when I visited the various lodges. I visited every lodge officially at least once and was able to attend on other occasions. Arrangements were made for the first annual district meeting to be held at Edmonton on September 21, 1953.

The members assembled at 3:30 p.m. in the Central Masonic Temple and the proving of the meeting was in charge of W. Bro. W. Johnstone of Victoria Lodge No. 13, assisted by W. Bro. J. Delaney of Gateway Lodge No. 164, W. Bro. Joel Smith, Strathcona Lodge No. 77, V.W. Bro. A. T. Nixon, Dominion Lodge No. 117 and other officers. The D.D.G.M. was received and declared the first annual meeting opened.

You, Most Worshipful Sir, were then received with formal honors, accompanied by M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary, and I wish to express my sincere thanks to you both for your help and encouragement during the meeting. All lodges in the district were represented except Lamont No. 94. It was learned that road conditions caused the Lamont brothers to turn back. Sixty-nine members were in attendance. Reports were received from the lodges, covering their activities. Many questions were asked as to procedure and the M.W. Grand Secretary and yourself answered them.

W. Bro. R. H. Shears of Lamont Lodge No. 94 was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year subject to the approval of Grand Lodge.

It was agreed that the second annual meeting of District 19 be held in Westlock.

Papers were read as follows:

"Responsibilities of Sponsors," by Bro. J. W. Oulton, Barrhead Lodge U.D.

"Duties of Investigating Committees," by W. Bro. J. McClung, Waskatenau Lodge 154.

"Duties of Examining Board," by V.Wor. Bro. W. S. Kent, Dominion Lodge No. 117.

Considerable discussion followed which was enjoyed.

M.W. Bro. Empey explained the reason for formation of a new district and expressed his best wishes for its continued success.

M.W. Bro. Moore informed the gathering that this would be his last official visit to a district meeting as Grand Secretary, and he also expressed his best wishes for the future success of the new district.

Barrhead U.D.: This being the newest lodge in the new district, I made my first official visit to Barrhead on July 16 accompanied by R.W. Bro. R. G. Thomson, R.W. Bro. W. J. Tiplin, W.Bro. R. Parton and several brothers. This lodge is making good progress under the guidance of W.Bro. C. E. Beirnes, The Secretary, Bro. H. Laudenklos, has his books in good order. Again on November 19 the officers of Strathcona Lodge No. 77 visited Barrhead with me when the M.M. degree was exemplified by officers of Strathcona Lodge with W.Bro. Joel Smith directing. A very large and enthusiastic attendance of members and visitors gave Barrhead Lodge encouragement.

Westlock Lodge officers and members have sponsored this lodge and are extending considerable help and guidance to the young lodge.

Tawatinaw No. 71: On September 9 I visited this lodge officially accompanied by W.Bro. R. Parton, Dist. Secretary, and several brothers from Strathcona Lodge.

This is one of the older established lodges and W.Bro. C. H. Parker is in charge. A notable event this year is the observation of this Lodge's 40th anniversary.

Strathcona Lodge No. 77: A great loss was experienced by this, my own, lodge, in the death of the Worshipful Master, just a few days after his installation and W. Bro. James Asbridge did not live to preside at the first meeting of 1953. The Senior Warden, Bro. Joe Dutton, has carried on during the year. I visited this lodge officially on September 11. The lodge is progressive and has a sound benevolent fund which is being used to a great extent. At the end of 1953 there was a large number of members in arrears but since then most of the outstanding dues have been paid. Masonic Education has been the theme since the beginning of the year and at the April meeting M.W. Bro. W. F. Empey delivered an address on the landmarks of Masonry.

Lamont Lodge No. 94: When I visited this lodge officially on November 2, the degree work was well exemplified by a degree team from Unity Lodge No. 51 under the guidance of W.Bro. W. Hollands. The books and records are in good condition. W.Bro. Shears, the Secretary, has been elected D.D.G.M. of District No. 19 for the ensuing year. This lodge is in a sound financial condition.

Dominion No. 117: It was my privilege to attend Dominion night of Dominion Lodge on June 24 and to represent you, M.Wor. Sir, by replying to the toast to the officers and members of Grand Lodge. W.Bro. E. Foster displayed his usual talents in the culinary art. A very large and appreciative attendance listened with interest to Bro. Rev. A. G. S. Edworthy, Minister of Knox United Church, who delivered a most suitable address for this occasion. I later visited this lodge officially on November 11. The books of the lodge are well kept and the true spirit of Freemasonry is practised in this lodge at all times.

Waskatenau Lodge No. 154: On my official visit to Waskatenau on December 2, the Master Mason degree was exemplified by the regular officers in a very impressive manner. Although a small lodge in number, the interest is keen. Recently the lodge purchased a new hall and the accommodation is a great improvement. W.Bro. H. Lunn is a capable secretary and it is pleasing to note that every member has his dues fully paid up. I wish to express my thanks to R.W. Bro. C. Havard who inspected and reported on the new hall during my absence.

Gateway Lodge No. 164: I attended a regular communication of this lodge on October 13 and the business was handled in a very capable manner under the direction of W.Bro. J. Delaney.

On April 13 I made an official visit when the E.A. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Parton and his officers very satisfactorily. W.Bro. Chowne, as Secretary, has his books well kept. Only two members are in arrears of dues.

Victoria Lodge No. 13: This is the oldest lodge in the new district and on April 27, 1954, I made an official visit, accompanied by W.Bro. A. T. Nixon of Dominion Lodge No. 117. The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. W. A. Johnstone, and his officers conferred the Master Mason degree in a capable manner. This lodge is steadily progressing and I am pleased to note that the newest members are being encouraged to take an active part in the degree work and on the various committees. The books are well kept.

Westlock Lodge No. 114: Accompanied by W.Bro. R. Parton, District Secretary, I visited Westlock Lodge officially on April 29, when the M.M. degree was exemplified by W.Bro. R. J. Perrin and the regular officers in a very creditable manner. Some 30 members from Barrhead, Edmonton and other points were in attendance to witness the degree work. R.W. Bro. W. J. McCullough is a very capable secretary and his knowledge and experience is a great benefit to the lodge. The second annual district meeting will be held in Westlock this year.

GENERAL

The new district is well organized and compact and all the lodges are easy of access. Every lodge is active and generally conditions are good. The financial statements reflect a considerable amount of dues in arrears as at December 31, 1953, but I have ascertained from the secretaries that a very large proportion of the arrears were paid soon after the New Year. This brings up the matter of the personal responsibilities of the brethren insofar as dues are concerned. It is not always the fault of the Secretary if dues are outstanding at the end of the year and I am satisfied that if the brethren would promptly respond to the appeal of the Secretary, the outstanding dues at the end of the year would be negligible.

Finally I wish to thank the lodges for the cordial receptions I received during my visits and my appreciation to our District Secretary, W.Bro. R. E. Parton, for his whole hearted support at all times.

It has been a pleasure to serve you and I wish for my successor in office a very profitable and enjoyable year.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,

HARRY C. NEAL, D.D.G.M., District No. 19.

MASONIC DISTRICT YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.
Dear Sir and M.W. Brother,

The year 1953 passed in Yellowknife Lodge without any great incident with the exception of the regrettable death of two of our members.

During the year the wading pool which was built at the cost of the lodge and donated to the District Council was completed, and a ceremony was held during the summer at which it was officially handed over to the District Council. It has proved of very great benefit to the youngsters in the community.

The furnishings of the room in the Red Cross Hospital at Yellowknife have been maintained during the year.

In spite of the fact that a large number of our members have been transferred to other points in Canada, nevertheless the attendance and enthusiasm of the members of the Lodge has been maintained to a very high degree. This transference of mining people, of course, is common in every mining camp or town and it was anticipated when the lodge was instituted. However, the average attendance of resident members compares favorably with that in other communities and I have no hesitation in predicting that the future of this lodge will compare favorably with any other lodge in this Jurisdiction.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES E. GARNETT, P.D.D.G.M.

The District Deputies gave brief resumes of these reports.

The District Deputy of District No. 6 was unable to be present and a short report was given by W.Bro. E. J. Goodwin on his behalf. The District Deputy of District No. 11 was not present.

At the conclusion of reports the Grand Master made the following comment: I would like to express a word of appreciation for the work done by the District Deputies during the last year. I am sure they have all done a job to the best of their ability, and Freemasonry in Alberta will derive some benefit from the work they did.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

I have the pleasure of submitting the Report of the Board of Benevolence for the past year.

Before dealing with the Report I wish to make reference to the sudden passing of R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis on May 6th, 1954. R.W. Brother Davis had been a member of the Board of Benevolence for a great many years. He was a very faithful attendee at the meetings and gave most sympathetic consideration to the requests which came before the Board. The sympathy of the members of the Board and of Grand Lodge was conveyed to Mrs. Davis and their son and daughter.

I also wish to refer to the sudden passing of R.W. Brother J. W. Shuttlewood, Secretary-Treasurer of the Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau in December, 1953. R.W. Brother Shuttlewood had a most extensive knowledge of welfare work and faithfully and sympathetically dealt with all cases which this Board had occasion to refer to him. His kindly advice will be very sorely missed. Brother J. T. Freeman who was initiated in Calgary Lodge, No. 23, has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer as his successor.

The income for the Relief Fund for the year is shown in the Financial Report. Disbursements, being relief grants for the year, amount to \$9,091.22 net. The amount of \$353.05 was received by way of refunds.

The Brethren may be interested in some of the details of the cases dealt with by the Board.

Mrs. A. B. C.—Widow. Now living in a Home in Southampton, England. She is in her ninetieth year and our contribution is ten Guineas per quarter. Our thanks again to V.W. Brother Parry who has looked after this case for many years.

Mrs. M. M. F. Has been in receipt of assistance since 1934. Now resides in Vancouver and is eighty years of age. She receives \$10.00 per month from us through the Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau.

Mrs. W. A. G. Eighty-six years of age. Receiving assistance from us since 1936 of \$10.00 per month through the Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau.

I wish to make special mention of a case which was drawn to our attention by a small country Lodge. A Brother of this Lodge was very severely injured. This Lodge does not have a Benevolent Fund but the Brethren got busy amongst themselves and raised the sum of \$600.00. They then reported what they were doing to Grand Lodge and requested sympathetic consideration. The very businesslike and Masonic manner in which this unfortunate occurrence was handled was most commendable and the Board granted \$600.00.

Mrs. S. B.: Widow of a brother killed in a car accident. Has been receiving assistance since 1952. Amount of contribution \$20.00 per month.

Bro. T. H. Unable to work due to Disseminated sclerosis. Lodge contribution \$10.00 and the Board \$10.00 per month. Age 48.

Mrs. B. N.—Widow with four children. Monthly contribution from the Board \$31.00.

Mrs. G. N. Has been in receipt of assistance since 1935. Lodge contributes \$7.50 and the Board \$7.50 per month.

Mrs. W. P. In receipt of assistance since 1946. The Lodge contributes \$5.00 and the Board \$20.00 per month.

Mrs. N. S. -Widow with two daughters. \$25.00 per month.

Bro. C. O. S. Aged 61. Has been in receipt of assistance since 1935. Suffering from multiple sclerosis and has been supplied with wheel chair. \$30.00 per month.

Mrs. W. J. T. 71 years of age. Recipient since 1935. \$20.00 per month.

R. W. son of Brother. The Brother and his wife are both very elderly and unable to get around. The son has had to give up his employment to look after them. The Lodge contributes \$10.00 per month and the Board \$50.00.

These are a few of the Beneficiaries of your benevolence and letters received from time to time show that the assistance given is greatly appreciated and gives them some encouragement. In many cases the Board has to be guided by Government regulations. In the majority of cases the contribution is on a 50/50 basis with the Lodges.

The Board would wish to remind all Lodges again of the rules covering Benevolence as laid down and approved by this Grand Lodge. Regardless of the merits of the case the Board has to be guided by those rules.

The Board wishes to express its thanks to the Lodges which have co-operated so well during the year, and especially to Brother H. G. Bradley in Edmonton, V.W. Brother F. W. Parry and the Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau for the very great assistance given in making enquiries into the various cases.

Faternally submitted,

WILLIAM IRELAND,

Chairman.

MOVED by M.W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28) that the Report of the Board of Benevolence be received and adopted. Carried.

(At the conclusion of the report of the Board of Benevolence the Grand Master made the following comments:

The Grand Master: We owe a deep debt of gratitude to this Board of Benevolence which meets every month and goes into the problems of some people and looks after them.

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE**May 1st, 1953 — April 30th, 1954**

Beneficiary	Amount
F. A.	\$ 40.00
Mrs. H. A.	60.00
J. B.	5.00
Mrs. E. A. B.	300.00
Mrs. S. B.	240.00
Britannia Lodge	15.00
Mrs. C. B.	180.00
Mrs. J. W. B.	120.00
Mrs. G. C.	180.00
Mrs. J. P. C.	90.00
Mrs. B. C. C.	180.00
Mrs. A. B. C.	117 52
W. R. D.	180.00
Mrs. J. M. D.	60.00
S. E. E.	50.00
Mrs. M. M. F.	125.00
Mrs. W. A. G.	125.00
Mrs. J. G.	180.00
W. G. G.	120.00
Mrs. J. G. H.	60.00
T. H.	120 00
J. L.	75.00
Mrs. G. L.	150.00
S. H. M.	600 00
A. M.	600.00
J. T. MacD.	613.20
Mrs. D. McI.	55.00
Mrs. B. N.	372.00
Mrs. G. N.	90.00
Mrs. J. P.	120.00
Mrs. W. P.	240.00
Mrs. R. C. R.	150.00
H. S.	100.00
Mrs. A. J. S.	270.00
V. E. S.	400.00
Mrs. N. G. S.	300.00
C. O. S.	360.00
Mrs. H. S.	120.00
T. T.	180.00
Mrs. W. J. T.	240.00
Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau	25.00
Mrs. L. V. V.	120.00
R. W.	300.00
	\$8,027.72
Sundry Grants	1,474.05
	\$9,501.77
Less Refunds	353.05
	\$9,148.72

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND
CORRESPONDENCE**

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence presents its report herewith for your consideration and approval.

Two applications have been received for mutual recognition viz:—

The Grand Lodge of the State of Israel, A.F. & A.M.

Grande Loja do Estado de Sao Paulo, A.F. & A. M.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Israel was erected and consecrated on October 20th, 1953 by M.W. Bro. Lord Elgin, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Scotland assisted by R.W. Dr. A. F. Buchan, Grand Secretary of Scotland. In a booklet issued by the Grand Lodge of Scotland full details of the Erection and Consecration is given and from the report it would appear that Scotland is confident that this Grand Lodge is proceeding on regular lines and is adhering to the Ancient Landmarks and established customs of the Order as we know them. The exercise of caution is always a worthy characteristic of our organization, and your Committee feel that it is desirable to delay for the present the extending of recognition to the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel.

The Grand Loja do Estado de Sao Paulo of Brazil, the conditions existing in South America are such that your Committee are of the opinion that until the turmoil and strife are cleared away and the continent becomes free from revolutions and placed upon a more solid foundation it is not in the best interests of Masonry to extend recognition.

In the report of last year to Grand Lodge the application from the Grand Lodge of Vienna was held over until this communication for further consideration. The year book for 1954 of the Grand Lodge of Scotland gives a history of the Grand Lodge of Vienna for Austria which dates back to the year 1731 from which time it suffered many trials and tribulations until the Hitler invasion of Austria when it was forced to cease to exist. The United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland extended recognition to Vienna in February of 1953 and as it would appear to be in a flourishing and healthy condition it is recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Vienna and an exchange of representatives be made.

We extend our thanks to the many Grand Lodges who have sent us copies of their Proceedings. These have been reviewed by a number of brethren and will be printed in the appendix of our Proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM IRELAND, P.G.M.,
Chairman.

WALDO F. EMPEY, P.G.M.

FREDK. J. KAVANAGH, P.G.R.

MOVED by M.W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. F. Empey (51). That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations be received and adopted. Carried.

(At the conclusion of the report on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence M.W. Bro. Ireland commented as follows):

M.W. Bro. Ireland: Requests for help have come from lodges in Puerto Rico. I strongly recommend you throw any applications of this nature in the waste paper basket, and have nothing to do with it. No lodge has any right to acknowledge any letters from another Grand Jurisdiction. The only way a Grand Jurisdiction should communicate with another is through the Grand Secretary's office. When the Grand Secretary's office or the Grand Master gives you permission to assist them, then and then only can you act.

The Grand Master: I would also reiterate what M.W. Bro. Ireland said in reference to the circular letter you got from the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico. Throw it in the waste paper basket - don't take any notice of it.

REPORT OF GRAND LIBRARIAN

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my Report as Grand Librarian.

We have received copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Jurisdictions with whom we are in fraternal accord. Where two copies have been sent one has been placed in the Grand Lodge Library and the other forwarded to Edmonton to be placed in the Library. These proceedings have been reviewed and the Reviews are published in the Proceedings. It is hoped that members read the Reviews as they represent a considerable amount of work by those good enough to write them.

During the year the following volumes were presented to the Library:—

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Centennium 1853-1953.
By M.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta 1905 to 1914.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta 1915 to 1920.

Mackay and Singleton's History of Freemasonry, Vols. 1 to 7.

Mackay and McClenachan's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry. Revised by Hawkins and Hughan, Vols. 1 & 2.

By R.W. Brother D. D. McQueen, Vulcan 74.

The Lodge at Glasgow from 1600 to 1905.

The Hiramic Tradition by W. Bro. W. W. Covey-Crump, M.A.

These donations are gratefully acknowledged.

One Book was purchased:—

Indian Chiefs, Ancient and Modern, by Ven. Archdeacon S. H. Middleton, E.D., B.Sc., D.D.

Whilst a few books have been loaned from the Library, the interest shown is not nearly as great as we are entitled to expect. There is a wealth of knowledge sitting on the shelves and new Brethren, particularly, should make use of these volumes. If there is something in one of the Reviews of the Proceedings of a sister Grand Jurisdiction that anyone would like to read further, the Proceedings can be loaned out. They don't do anybody any good just filling up space in the Library.

It is my hope that a complete list of the volumes in the Library will be available at an early date and this should enable those who cannot get into Calgary to send for the book that they would like to have.

Our thanks are also due to those who send quite a number of pamphlets and small publications, Grand Lodge Bulletins, etc., they are very interesting and much appreciated.

Fraternally submitted,

E. H. RIVERS,

Grand Librarian.

MOVED by R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers (51), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. H. Harper (134). That the Report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Research and Education. Carried.

The Grand Master: Now, Brethren, we have been pretty laboriously working away and I thought we might have a little relaxation and a treat so I am going to ask M.W. Bro. Evans, Grand Master of our Mother Grand Jurisdiction to bring greetings and give us a little message if he has one for us.

M.W. Bro. Dr. John R. C. Evans: M.W. Grand Master, M.W. Sirs, R.W. Sirs, and Brethren. I think we all noticed that with minor exceptions when those reports were being given by the District Deputies that the enthusiasm of the Brethren was just about in inverse proportion to the length of the report. As I look at the length of the agenda on the programme this afternoon I assure you I will govern myself accordingly. Hence any story or shibboleth I give I will come immediately to the point. That point I refer to with a great deal of pleasure because it is my privilege to bring you greetings from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. In doing so I am not going to labor the relationship that exists between the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Grand Lodge of Alberta — that I know has been done on several occasions. Nevertheless I want you to know we are all in Manitoba particularly proud of that relationship — the relationship of mother to daughter. We are delighted to have the privilege on all occasions when such may be provided to come to represent the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at

your Annual Communication here and I am sure M.W. Bro. Jackson, our Grand Secretary, and I are very happy to be here to bring you Fraternal greetings. As we do so I can certainly say this — it is a delight and pleasure to see how well the work has been organized for this Grand Lodge Communication and to see how nicely those plans are being carried into effect and with such proficiency. At the same time I want to congratulate you for having a Grand Master who has brought you such an inspiration and wealth of thought in that address he gave us this morning. After enlarging at some length on his record as a Grand Master he beautifully brought in some splendid thoughts regarding Masonry as a whole. It is a thrill for me to bring you greetings of our Grand Lodge and if I had time and it is very tempting to, but I must not take it, I should mention another thrill I got today as I came to Edmonton and I wandered along the banks of this river; it takes me back to boyhood days years ago and I would not say how many, when I walked along these banks. At that time the only means of communication was a ferry. It goes back a long way, my memory of this part of the country and it would be delightful reminiscing on my part but this is not the time to do it. There is one thing I want to stress if I may. We have just completed our Grand Lodge Communication in Manitoba and whether it was coincidental or providential or not, I do not know, but of this I am certain that in the papers given to us and addresses and things made and greetings brought to us from other Grand Jurisdictions there seemed to stand out one thing in common this year — not a new thought at all to call attention to but nevertheless it stood out in my view. Here we are a grand body of Masons with outstanding principles of which we are proud it was said over and over, as did your Grand Master infer this morning in his address, that if all Masons lived Masonically there would be no difficulty with the International situation. I go back in my thinking and think well, the big problem is not with our principles. No. But somehow or other is it not this: we have come to appreciate — you get that word now, appreciate — appreciate more those principles for which we stand. So easy it is for us to recite because we memorize and recite obligations and refer to ritualistic work and we complain there is not enough interest in the Lodge and people drop out.

I wonder; it is a big problem; I don't know how it is going to be brought about but I am convinced we have got to get across to each individual the necessity for simple fundamental preparation within those grand principles for which we stand. If I had the time I would like to refer to the situation briefly that your Lieutenant-Governor spoke of this morning when he was visiting Freemasons while in London because it was my privilege to be there too. I just want to mention I was tremendously impressed as I went through that great building in London to see references to what outstanding men, statesmen, leaders in all walks of life and includes Royalty in no small numbers, men of all walks who have taken a prominent place in Masonry, and my thoughts came quickly back to Canada and an experience I had when I just knelt at the altar in the First Degree. When I first took the First Degree and knelt at that altar and finally light was restored what did I see? I say I saw a man

who had not given me the obligation yet but I saw that man. Who was he? He was the street cleaner of our city—that is who he was. I didn't know he was a Mason. I was joining a Masonic body and I looked before me and saw that man and his face seemed to be illuminated. You grasp that fundamental principle of brotherhood which I have never forgotten. Somehow I come back to the point—from Royalty down, it does not matter who we are, there is something in common with that—a man privileged to appreciate the principles of Masonry. Let us do so more than we have done and we will experience that great thing: be happy ourselves and have the great satisfaction of creating and communicating happiness to others. We wish you well in your Communication and in the work of your Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master: Thank you very much, M.W. Sir, for that inspiring address. Last week I was in Manitoba and enjoyed the hospitality of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the same spirit that the Grand Master has given us now from that Grand Jurisdiction. Thank you, M.W. Brother. Now perhaps we can start on one other item. We will now have the Charters and New Lodges, that is the next one on the list.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,

Your Committee on Charters and new lodges has pleasure in submitting the following report:

Following the granting of charters by the 48th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, the following Lodges were Constituted and Consecrated on the dates shown. Report of the Especial Communications of Grand Lodge will be found in the Proceedings:

Temple Lodge No. 167, Edmonton—October 9th, 1953.
Highlands Lodge No. 168, Edmonton—September 22nd, 1953.
St. George's Lodge No. 169, Elk Point—August 7th, 1953.
Avon Glen Lodge No. 170, Edmonton—October 7th, 1953.

The ceremony in each case was carried out by the Grand Master and his Officers, assisted by a number of Past Grand Officers and Brethren.

The following Lodges have been operating under Dispensation since the date shown opposite their name:

Barrhead Lodge U.D.—Instituted April 17th, 1953.
Milo Lodge U.D.—Instituted May 15th, 1953.

They have applied for Charters in the usual form and your Committee has inspected the books and records as per Section 259 of the Constitution. We have found them in order and we now recommend that a Warrant be issued in accordance with their request.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSS S. SHEPPARD, Chairman of Committee.

Moved by R.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard (11), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. H. Harper (134)—That the Report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the M.W. Grand Master and Brethren,

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has reviewed the official acts of the Grand Master, as they are recorded in his Address and have to report that we do not find any reason to comment on them, they being of such a nature as to entitle him to express his opinion thereon.

The dispensations granted during the year as summarized in the Report of the Grand Secretary have all been of a regular type and we do not see any reason for our comments thereon.

During the year there have been three Masonic Trials, two of them having been conducted by the Lodge itself and one having been referred by the Lodge to a Trial Commission of Grand Lodge. Our review of the proceedings would indicate that they have been carried out in a proper manner. The identifying numbers of the respective cases are 33, 34 and 35.

With regard to the matter of Masonic Trials, we think it desirable that we should quote at this time from the first part of Chapter V of Mackey's "Masonic Jurisprudence."

"It is the duty of a judge, says the great Roman orator, in every cause to seek for truth. This is the great, the only object of a Masonic trial, and hence, in such trial, no advantage is ever permitted to be taken of those legal and verbal technicalities, the use of which, in profane courts, so often enable the guilty to escape. This great principle of Masonic law must never be forgotten in the management of a trial. Every part of the investigation is to be directed with a single view to the acquisition of truth. Masonic trials are therefore to be conducted in the simplest and least technical method, that will preserve at once the rights of the Order and of the accused, and which will enable the Lodge to obtain a thorough knowledge of all the facts in the case. The rules by which such trials are governed are few and easily understood.

"The charge should set forth the offence with clearness and certainty, and hence it must distinctly specify the nature of the offence; and if confined to a single transaction, the time and place of its commission should be named. A general charge, for instance, of 'unmasonic conduct' should also specify the particular nature of the conduct which is said to be unmasonic; for no one can be expected to answer to so general an accusation, nor to be prepared with evidence to rebut that of which he is ignorant. No man, in a legal investigation, should be taken by surprise; but there is no more certain mode of doing so than to call upon him to answer to an indefinite charge, the particulars of which are only to be made known at the moment of trial."

The foregoing illustrate to us the fundamental difference between a Masonic trial and a civil one and we have inserted these opinions as a guide to any brethren who might have occasion to lay a charge.

The M.W. Grand Master has asked one of the legal members of our fraternity for an opinion with respect to the right of Grand Lodge to lift the sentence of indefinite suspension in connection with cases No's, 31 and 32 without the consent of the Lodge, the trial having been conducted by a Trial Commission. We have had the privilege of reading the opinion given and wish to express our opinion that we are in entire agreement with it and we quote the last part of this opinion for the guidance of the brethren. It should be noted that the clause numbers refer to the book containing "Rules Respecting Trials for Masonic Offences and Proceedings Thereon."

"It is my view that clause 54 requires a suspended member, seeking or desiring restoration, to first petition the suspending Lodge for such restoration.

"If the lodge has ceased to exist, clause 57 provides for the petition being made to Grand Lodge direct.

"It is my opinion that the member can only in the first instance apply direct to Grand Lodge for restoration when the suspending lodge has ceased to exist. In other words, it is my view that clause 53 must be read with, and is limited by, clause 54 and 57.

"There does not appear to be any provision for an appeal by the suspended member to Grand Lodge from a decision of the Lodge refusing restoration under rules 54, 55 and 56.

"However, if following a lodge trial of a member for a Masonic offence, the lodge verdict or decision is one of suspension, Grand Lodge can, by reason of Section 27 of the constitution, review and overrule the Lodge's suspension in accordance with rules 41 and 47."

We entirely agree with the recommendation of the M.W. The Grand Master that a Committee be appointed to review all the Grand Lodge Ceremonials, in particular the "Rules Respecting Trials for Masonic Offences and Proceedings Thereon."

Fraternally submitted,

H. E. HOWARD, Chairman.

Moved by M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28) seconded by M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26): That the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted. Carried.

At the conclusion of the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence the Grand Master commented as follows:

The Grand Master: You have heard the report. I will just make this comment. I do request that this matter be given legal opinion and after we hear the legal opinion we can decide. I am sure it is perfectly clear. I would like to see those rules and the other ceremonials clarified to some extent so that after we have legal opinion on it, it would be simple to us at least.

V.W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison: Is that term "unmasonic conduct" defined anywhere? What constitutes unmasonic conduct?

The Grand Master: In the Constitution it tells us what is a masonic offence; there is a whole list of them.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the M.W. The Grand Master,
Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren, ,

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals wishes to report on two cases as follows:

CASE No. 33: The brother was charged with unmasonic conduct and at a trial by his Lodge was found guilty and sentenced to indefinite suspension.

CASE No. 35: The brother was charged with unmasonic conduct and at a meeting of his Lodge pleaded guilty to the charge and on the members voting for him to be reprimanded he was reprimanded in open Lodge.

The Committee find the proceedings in each case in order and recommend that Grand Lodge concur in the disposition of these cases.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

C. M. MACLEOD.

Moved by V.W. Bro. C. M. Macleod (142), seconded by M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51): That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry hereby submits their Report for the year 1953-54. As in past years the Committee has had to rely extensively on the reports submitted by the District Deputy Grand Masters.

Masonry is in a reasonably sound condition in this jurisdiction and the membership has become larger year by year. We have for the first time passed the 17,000 mark. It is found, however, throughout the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports, that insufficient attention is being given to the educational side of lodge work, and that in spite of the fact that your Grand Lodge spends a large sum of money every year in having the Proceedings printed, in forwarding the Banff Conference papers and also the Bulletin, that very little use is made of these documents. It was found that one set of officers was not aware that the Proceedings were published and it was stated that they had never been referred to in that particular Lodge.

We wish to suggest most forcibly that the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry and the Grand Master's Address be read in each and every lodge, together with the District Deputy Grand Master's Report and other selected portions. The directions, of course, covering this matter are published at the front of the Proceedings each year, but apparently, like other interesting parts, go unnoticed.

One District Deputy Grand Master's Report deplores the number of Suspensions N.P.D. With the present economic conditions in this Grand Jurisdiction the only reason we can see for these Suspensions is absolute lack of interest. That can possibly be blamed on the lodge for not having taken sufficient care in the conferring of the degrees or on the sponsors and the Committee for having passed the wrong type of individual. As has been stressed for many years, too much care cannot be taken in the committee work on candidates and more care should be taken to see that they are properly instructed.

HISTORICAL REGISTER

It is found that year after year Historical Registers are not being properly kept up. We are now about to celebrate our fiftieth anniversary and the historical records of each lodge are being searched for material that will be of interest. Whilst the present members may not think the activities of today are of much interest, the members who will be compiling our history for the centennial celebration will be hoping to find a proper record has been kept. We urge all the in-coming District Deputy Grand Masters to pay particular attention to this matter and to take steps to see that all the Historical Registers in their District are brought up-to-date before the time comes for them to submit their reports in 1955.

MEMBERSHIP

Statistical particulars of membership will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary. It is noted there is a net increase of 460.

ATTENDANCE

It would appear that the average attendance has been fairly well maintained and a large number of country lodges report a very high percentage of attendance. The average attendance is, however, greatly reduced by the meagre turn-out in the city lodges. Were it not for special nights, the average attendance in the city lodges would be even lower.

WORK

We greatly regret to see recorded in one District Deputy Grand Master's Report that the Worshipful Master of a Lodge was unable to confer the Three Degrees and that his conduct of the Lodge work was sloppy and wholly inefficient. The Examining Board should see to it that any Brother who is not willing and capable of getting up the work does not advance to the Worshipful Master's Chair.

We must again draw the attention of the Brethren to the provision that in the absence of the Master of the Lodge, the Senior Warden shall rule or, in his absence, the Junior Warden. It has been observed on several Notices that when a Worshipful Master has had occasion to absent himself from a meeting he has appointed a Past Master to take his place.

ANNIVERSARIES

The Committee is pleased to report that special anniversary meetings were held:

Bow River Lodge No. 1—70th anniversary, January 28, 1954.

Mountain View Lodge No. 16—50th anniversary, May 12th, 1954.

BENEVOLENCE

The amount which has been paid out by the Lodges during the past year indicates that they are paying proper attention to this part of our work. The Committee wishes to congratulate the lodges on their accomplishment in this field.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District Meetings were on the whole well attended and, according to the Reports, the Brethren derived considerable benefit from the discussions which they had with the Grand Lodge officers. We do feel, however, that more use could be made of the District Meetings and that Lodge Secretaries in particular should prepare a number of questions on matters that come to their attention during the course of the year. It has been found on many occasions that some Brethren are reticent about asking questions at a District Meeting for fear of being considered incompetent. The District Meeting is a time when the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, in particular, go out into the various parts of the Province and it should be an opportunity for free and frank discussion of any and all problems that may arise in any Lodge.

REGALIA

The Grand Master has drawn our attention to the many and varied types of regalia that are being worn by members of this Grand Jurisdiction. It is obvious that any visitor, member of another Grand Jurisdiction, is entitled to wear the Apron of that Grand Jurisdiction; but the members of this Grand Jurisdiction are bound by the provisions of the Constitution Sections 278, 279 and 280, and whilst a large number of lodges have disregarded the provisions of the Constitution in recent years, it is hoped, and this Committee strongly recommends, that lodges strictly adhere to the Constitution in future.

It is a matter of regret to your Committee, and we are sure to a great many other members, that meetings of other bodies, claiming affiliation with Freemasonry, are called at the same time as Grand Lodge and that today our attendance is reduced because some feel it is more important to attend such a meeting in another city. As the date of our meeting is fixed, we feel that our officers in particulars should give Grand Lodge priority at this time, as they undertake to do so at their Installation.

CONCLUSION

The reading of the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters has been very interesting and it is indicated that they have carried out their duties to the best of their ability. We wish to recognize the faithful services rendered by recommending that the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the following Brethren:

William F. Gray.
 Frederick Millican
 LeRoy L. Haliburton
 John Joseph Letcher
 Edwin Butcher
 John M. Blair
 Charles H. Linn
 Frederick A. Tustian, Jr.
 Myron R. Butterfield

David A. Thomson
 William Kane
 Cyril Griffith Havard
 William Frederick Gilpin
 John A. Waterhouse
 Arnold W. Longson
 William McMillan
 Hugh Clark Christie
 J. Murray Gardiner
 Harry C. Neal

Fraternally submitted,

PETER DAWSON, D.G.M., Chairman.

Moved by R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson (84), seconded by M.W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman (16): That the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted. Carried.

The Grand Master: We are drawing very close to four o'clock when the ballot will be closed. M.W. Bro. Ireland has consented to check the ballots and be chairman of the scrutineers and I would now ask that the following Brethren retire with M.W. Bro. Ireland to carry out the counting of the ballots:

M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51); R. W. Bro. S. E. Wood (42); R. W. Bro. John Booth (51); R.W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83); V.W. Bro. M. J. Brodie (63); R.W. Bro. John Little (7); W. Bro. H. Bruce Scott (39); R.W. Bro. R. F. Anderson (42); R.W. Bro. F. J. Kavanagh (142); W. Bro. W. A. Noble (2).

The Brethren retired with M.W. Bro. W. Ireland.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, 1954

A meeting of the Board was held in the Palliser Hotel at Calgary, Alberta, on Thursday, June 12, 1953, immediately following the close of Grand Lodge, with R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson, D.G.M., in the Chair. The Chairmen of the several Committees were elected and the personnel of each Committee was left to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. The Board then adjourned, to meet in the City of Edmonton on Tuesday, June 8, 1954, at 2 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held in the City of Edmonton (Central Masonic Temple) on Tuesday, June 8, 1954, opening at 2 p.m. with prayer, under the Chairmanship of R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson, D.G.M. The Chairman welcomed those present, there being 13 Past Grand Masters, the present Grand Officers, six of the 19 District Deputy Grand Masters and all but two of the elected members. R.W. Bros. Lawrence and Williams sent their regrets at inability to be present.

M.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, was welcomed and suitably replied.

The following Committees presented their reports, which were received and referred to Grand Lodge:

Charters and New Lodges—R.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard.

Jurisprudence—M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard.

Grievances and Appeals—V.W. Bro. C. M. Macleod.

Special Committee on Liability Insurance—V.W. Bro. C. M. Macleod.

Condition of Masonry—R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson.

Finance (with Budget)—M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming.

The full reports will be printed in the proceedings.

The amendment to Section 144 of the Constitution, notice of which had been given in a Constitutional manner, was presented by R.W. Bro. J. Booth (51). After discussion the words, "and invested" were added after the word "Installed," in the amendment and the Section as amended. The motion was then approved for presentation to Grand Lodge.

The Chairman presented a new questionnaire to be completed by an applicant for Initiation, in addition to present form. With some minor amendments this was accepted for presentation to Grand Lodge.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee brought up the question of the Regalia presently being purchased and pointed out that a great deal of it did not conform to the Constitution. The suggestion had been made that all orders should be channelled through Grand Lodge office so that they could be scrutinized before being mailed to the firm selected. After considerable discussion it was agreed that a motion should be presented to Grand Lodge requiring that all Regalia purchased in the future should conform to the specifications set out in the Constitution:

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,

PETER DAWSON, D.G.M., Chairman.

Moved by R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson (84), seconded by R.W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert (24) that the report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted. Carried.

The Grand Master: It is now four o'clock. I declare the ballot closed.

REPORT ON WESTERN CONFERENCE, BANFF, 1953

To the M.W. Grand Master and members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

I believe that the success of a small fraternal conference of this type can to a great extent be measured by the unwaning interest

and enthusiasm of its members. If this be true, then we can again report progress at our 1953 meeting.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Western Grand Jurisdiction's Conference, A.F. & A.M., was held in Banff September 10, 11 and 12, 1953, and we were again the grateful recipients of the kind hospitality of our Brethren of Cascade Lodge No. 5, who placed at our disposal their beautiful lodge room for all sessions.

There were present four brethren from Manitoba, five from Saskatchewan, two from British Columbia and seven from Alberta, excluding the Secretary. Distinguished guests included M.W. Bro. Herman Olsen, Grand Master of Minnesota, M.W. Bro. Jas. Green, Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. R. C. Davenport, Grand Secretary, of Illinois, M.W. Bro. John Graham, Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. Harold Pond, Grand Secretary, of North Dakota.

It was with deep regret that the conference learned of the very serious condition of M.W. Bro. Harry Gray, Grand Master of Manitoba. He was taken ill some two months previous to the conference. However, we are now thankful to report that Bro. Gray has to a great extent recovered his health, and your Secretary had the extreme pleasure of attending his Grand Lodge meeting last week, where he conducted in a most efficient manner, and with dispatch, his Grand Lodge Communication.

We were also indeed sorry to learn that it had been necessary for M.W. Bro. Curran, Grand Master of British Columbia, to have a serious operation just previous to the conference, and our expression of sympathy was relayed by wire while he was in the hospital. We are pleased to report that he has recovered to the extent he has been able to perform some of his duties as Grand Master, and we sincerely trust that the time will not be far distant when he will be fully recovered.

We were sorry to learn of the sudden illness of M.W. Bro. Patterson, Grand Master of Montana, who we believe was in hospital at the time of our conference. This necessitated M.W. Bro. Ralph Lodge, Grand Secretary of Montana, to stay in his own Jurisdiction while his Grand Master was ill. While we are happy that Bro. Patterson has now fully recovered, it is with deep regret that we have to report the sudden passing of R.W. Bro. Lodge, who looked forward each year to being in attendance at our Conference. Our expressions of sympathy and condolence from the Conference has already been relayed to the Grand Lodge of Montana.

The Presidency of 1952 and 1953 activities was vested in the person of M.W. Bro. Hanbidge, Grand Master of Saskatchewan, who chaired all the business sessions. In drafting our programme for this meeting, very careful consideration was given as to whether or not we should decrease our topics in order to give more time for open discussion. It was finally decided to experiment with four outstanding topics, which proved to be what the Brethren desired, as all entered into the discussion with keen enjoyment. Our 1954 Agenda has been drafted along similar lines.

One of the highlights of the 1953 Conference was the address given by M.W. Bro. Bob Tate, at the fraternal hour on Thursday evening. This was a soul-inspiring and thought-provoking subject entitled "My Church and My Lodge" and certainly created an atmosphere which pervaded all remaining sessions of the Conference. May I respectfully suggest to all Wor. Masters that this should be read at one of their meetings, as I am sure great and lasting benefits will accrue.

The ladies were graciously entertained by M.W. Bro. and Mrs. Jackson, with a bus drive to Lake Louise, where luncheon was served, the return journey being made in the afternoon.

May I again make the observation that this Conference is not promoted by any individual or any specific Grand Lodge, but is one that is participated in by our four Western Grand Jurisdictions, and the Secretary, like most Grand Secretaries, takes his instructions from a new President each year. This year I have had the pleasure of being directed by M.W. Bro. Jackson and R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson, and President and Vice-President respectively.

May I again express my grateful thanks to our four Grand Secretaries who have been ever ready to assist the Conference Secretary in the discharge of his somewhat onerous duties.

Before closing this report, may I state we believe we have prepared an outstanding Agenda for our forthcoming meeting in September, and we have been most fortunate in procuring M.W. Bro. Gilbert Blackstock to give the address on the Fraternal hour session Thursday evening. We are looking forward, therefore, to another Conference of rare inspiration which will be reflected in a more consecrated service by the Grand Lodge officers of our four western Jurisdictions who will be in attendance.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE F. ELLIS, Conference Secretary.

AGENDA

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL INTER-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

of the Officers

of the Western Grand Lodges, A.F. & A.M.

September 10th, 11th and 12th, 1953

President: M.W. Bro. R. L. Hanbidge, G.M. of Saskatchewan.

Vice-President: M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, G.M. of Alberta.

Secretary: M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis.

All Conference Sessions to be held in the Cascade Masonic Hall, Banff, by courtesy of the Wor. Master and Members of Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, G.R.A.

Thursday, September 11th, Evening Meeting, 8 p.m.

Fraternal Hour and Special Address.

President's Opening Remarks.

Word of Welcome by the Wor. Master of Cascade Lodge No. 5
(Members of Cascade Lodge cordially invited).

Special Speaker: M.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, G.S. of Saskatchewan.

Passing of Minutes of 1952 Conference.

Secretary's Report.

Friday, September 11th, 9:15 a.m.

President—Call to Order.

Invocation—R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson.

President's Report.

**SHOULD LODGES PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE
ACTIVITIES?**

R.W. Bro. K. P. Warwick, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of British Columbia.

Forum Discussion to be led by R.W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert, Senior
Grand Warden of Alberta.

THE MORAL OBLIGATION OF THE NORTH EAST ANGLE LECTURE

R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of Alberta.

10:00 a.m. sharp: Special entertainment for the ladies; guests of
M.W. Bro. W. H. and Mrs. Jackson.

Adjournment**Afternoon Session 1:45 p.m.**

Forum Discussion on Bro. Dawson's paper to be led by R.W. Bro.
J. R. C. Evans, Deputy Grand Master of Manitoba.

THE USE AND ABUSE OF THE PRIVILEGE OF LODGE VISITATION

R.W. Bro. R. E. Partridge, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Forum Discussion led by R.W. Bro. H. F. Grafton, Junior Grand
Warden of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

ANNUAL BANQUET, 6:30 p.m.

Delegates and their ladies will be guests of the Grand Master of
Alberta.

Saturday, September 12th, 9:15 a.m.

FORUM DISCUSSION

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF A DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W. Bro. Robt. E. Emmett, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Forum Discussion to be led by M.W. Bro. G. H. Hummel, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Please Note: The President desires a most thorough discussion after each paper. This makes our meeting much more inspiring and our minutes more interesting.

Meeting place for 1954.

Election of Officers.

New President's Remarks.

Closing Prayer -R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson.

Special golf game in afternoon if sufficient members desire to play.

Moved by M.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis (124), seconded by R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson (84) that the report of the Committee on Western Conference, Banff, be received and adopted. Carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARD OF
GENERAL PURPOSES**

The Grand Master: We will now take in the report of General Purposes. There are two matters to be passed by resolution. We will take them now.

The Grand Secretary: Take recommendation No. 2 from the report of the Board of General Purposes, in regard to regalia: "The attention of the Board was drawn to the many and varied kinds of regalia being purchased by the lodges and it was moved by R.W. Bro. Booth and seconded by M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley that the Board recommend that the provisions of the Constitution, as presently standing should be strictly adhered to." Would you require a motion on that?

The Grand Master: I think so. Accept that as a motion. Are you ready for the question? Do you want to discuss the matter? That is the matter that the constitutional requirements for regalia be properly adhered to. Are you ready for the question?

The Grand Secretary: There is one point possibly not clear. The only brethren in our Jurisdiction allowed to have a fringe are the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters; no other aprons are constitutional if there is a fringe on them.

R.W. Bro. Wm. Betts (58): This Grand Lodge presented me with this apron; it has a fringe.

The Grand Master: The fringe can be taken off quite easily.

R.W. Bro. Wm. Betts (58): This Grand Lodge should stay with the Constitution.

R.W. Bro. J. Henderson (35): How does that work if you only have a chain?

The Grand Master: I am not quite sure of the wording.

The Grand Secretary: The constitution says silver tassels.

R.W. Bro. J. Henderson (35): I don't know whether it is silver or not; it is white. There is an old saying it is not all gold that glitters.

The Grand Master: The specification of all regalia is in the constitution and it is the intention of this motion that all those regulations be adhered to.

Bro. G. H. Brown (81): Does this refer to any new regalia being purchased or refer to regalia of some of the members of the lodge that now exists.

The Grand Master: That is rather a touchy question: It will probably take a year or so before it can be brought into conformity with the Constitution. The idea is, we have to get back to constitutional aprons.

Bro. G. H. Brown (81): You can readily see where a situation may arise where someone from some far distant lodge may affiliate with one of our lodges and we request him to discard that apron he so highly prizes, he will leave the lodge himself. Are you going to ask him to discard that?

R.W. Bro. Wm. Betts (58): In other words if a man comes from Scotland he has not got our apron.

The Grand Master: The only answer I can give you about Scottish aprons is he will sign that he will abide by our Constitution; then let him do it.

W.Bro. Wm. Munroe (74): One of the members of our lodge was presented with his apron in Manitoba. It has a fringe, and was given to him by the Manitoba Lodge. He has affiliated with our Lodge and he has said that if he cannot wear that apron he will retire from Masonry. His son is Past Master and they are faithful Masons. I want to take a decision back.

The Grand Master: Brethren, are you ready for the question. I would say that any apron from now on will have to be according to the Constitution, and we would like those that are not in accordance with the Constitution that are now owned to be brought, eventually, to conform with the Constitution. That would be all right, I think.

V.W. Bro. W. C. McRoberts (124): Change the Constitution and that will settle it.

The Grand Master: You have that perfect right, Bro. McRoberts.

V.W. Bro. W. C. McRoberts (124): I propose we do.

The Grand Master: You cannot do it now. You will have to give Notice and bring it in next year.

V.W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison (24): Would it not be better to arrange the consideration of this motion next year; give us a year. I have an apron here that was given to me by Grand Lodge. It is my personal property.

The Grand Master: Grand Lodge does not give anybody an apron except the Grand Master, as far as I know. If your Lodge has given you an apron which is not constitutional, that is a fault.

V.W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison (24): Whether constitutional or not constitutional I was given it.

The Grand Secretary: This part of the constitution has not been amended for many years. First of all we have the entered apprentice aprons, plain white lambskin, and the Fellow Craft similar to that of Entered Apprentice with the addition of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom. Master Masons have the lambskin apron with sky-blue lining and edging, one and a half inches deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to Officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their lodge office in the centre of the apron. Masters and Past Masters "To wear in lieu and in place of the three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two and a half inches each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch; these emblems to be half an inch broad. If Grand Officers, similar emblems of garter-blue or gold."

R.W. Bro. Wm. Betts (58): Is it possible to buy an apron from any house that sells them, as set out in the Constitution? Let me draw your attention to one thing; it refers to color. I have never yet seen a Master Mason's apron lined with a sky-blue lining. Aquamarine is on every one of them. The one and a half inch edging is supposed to be sky blue but the lining is aquamarine blue. I have bought aprons for 25 years as secretary of the Lodge. I do not know any house that provides sky-blue lining.

The Grand Secretary: The aprons sold by all houses can be obtained fully in accordance with the Constitution.

R.W. Bro. Wm. Betts (58): That has taken place in the last five years. Before that you could not buy them. What about the people that have them. We have been supplying them now since 1905. They comply now because certain secretaries pointed out that according to our Constitution the color was wrong. That was only five years ago.

W. Bro. Mark Hancock (57): I have been secretary of our Lodge quite a number of years. It all depends what you order. If you ordered presentation aprons that is what you get—that is a fringe. The Masters and Past Masters apron is all in line with the Constitution. If you order not what is in the Constitution it is too bad. If you order what the Constitution calls for you have no more trouble.

R.W. Bro. W. E. Briggs (101): Is it an opinion of this gathering it needs a motion to be passed for us to adhere to the Constitution?

I would ask that the Chair declare this motion irrelevant, as not being necessary.

The Grand Master: Since this motion has been brought in I think we should discuss it. It might be worded a little differently that the lodges conform to the Constitution, which they have not been doing.

Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert (24): M.W. Sir: There appears to be some justification for the claim of the brother on my right that this motion is not in order. May I suggest it be referred back to the Committee with the request a motion be brought in tomorrow morning. Agreed.

The Grand Secretary: Reference recommendation No. 1 of Board of General Purposes in regard to the new Form, for use of a Petitioner for Initiation, which has been circulated among you. I will read the form. This is a form to be completed by an applicant. Change the words "immediate family" to "near relatives" in the question: "Give names of members of your immediate family that are members of this organization." At the bottom of the form change the wording "ensuring that only persons of good moral character are accepted," to read "In an endeavour to ensure only persons of good moral character are accepted."

R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson (84): Some years ago when I was Master of the Lodge I had an experience which was not very pleasant. An application came in to the lodge and a committee was set up to examine that application and the character of the individual and one of the members of the committee found he had not paid his debts nor was he in a position to pay his debts. That petition was turned down. It was not the committee that received the blame because the individual didn't know who the committee was, and I was in the chair and the reflection came back on the Worshipful Master. Not only did it react all through his family but, of course, it came back to me in a rather disappointing way. Since that time several suggestions have been made to facilitate the work of the committee and make it easier for them to put the responsibility on the petitioner rather than on the committee, and if they truly filled this form out, as requested, then there should not be any difficulty in declaring that the petition be received or not. With those remarks I move that form be received.

V.W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison (24): There are some questions that we need not possibly answer. I think more consideration should be given to this form. It should go back, not to the Committee, but

submitted to the Lodges for their instruction. They are the ones most likely to be interested. I would move an amendment that the matter of adopting the application form be postponed until next meeting of Grand Lodge. In the meantime copies of this form of application could be submitted to the constituent lodges. I think the constituent lodges are vitally interested in what form of application must be presented to candidates. There are questions there I would not answer if I was asked to. They are questions I could not answer.

R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson (84): If he feels he cannot answer these questions then he should not be making an application.

The Grand Secretary: These questions are not numbered. Give the names of your immediate family; that has been amended to give the names of near relatives. Instead of putting your occupation during the past ten years—state residence during the past ten years.

R.W. Bro. LeRoy L. Haliburton (81): On the present application I believe one paragraph appears on the bottom of the application and that states something like "that we the undersigned declare or state that we personally are acquainted with the applicant and do hereby recommend him," is that not right? Will that be deleted?

The Grand Secretary: No. Just the mimeographed form is new and to be in addition to the present form. We are only considering the mimeographed form presented to you today.

W.Bro. C. E. Rix (28): May I make one other suggestion: name in full—surname, Christian name. As we well know there are a number of Jewish brethren who do not have Christian names and I suggest we put "first name" or something of that nature.

The Grand Master: If the mover and seconder will agree to that change. Agreed.

The Grand Master: Moved by R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson (84), seconded by M.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis (124) that the questionnaire for Petitioners for Initiation, as recommended, be adopted and taken into use as soon as possible. All in favor? Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK

To the M.Wor. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.Wor. Grand Master,

Acceding to your request that a report from the Work Committee be given to this Grand Lodge Communication, we respectfully submit the following by way of a clarification of what many of our members might have surmised has been a laxness on the part of the four members of this Committee.

We are desirous of drawing to the attention of the Brethren that soon after Grand Lodge last year, M.W. Bro. Martland, who has been

Chairman of this Committee for many years, moved to Victoria to ascertain if he could improve his health. It is apparent that the atmosphere there seemed to be efficacious, as he finally decided to take up residence there, and some months after his resignation was received by our Grand Master. During this period it will be seen that we, the Committee, were unable to function.

First of all we should like to explain that it has been a long established custom of your Work Committee that all its members shall be in full accord in all its rulings. The Chairman of this Committee then releases the findings of the Committee to the Grand Secretary who releases the rulings to the Constituent Lodges.

Through an oversight we are given to understand that all Lodges have not received some of the rulings of their respective rites; however, our Grand Secretary now has the situation well in hand and when he receives the final decision from this Committee, he will make a general mailing to all Lodges working in the Rite, to which the ruling pertains.

Our Grand Secretary has spent many hours collecting data on all rulings made since 1940, and he has been requested to mail copies to all Lodges. Your Committee hopes within the very near future to review all these rulings, and make whatever revision they deem necessary and essential, and also express their opinions on any recent requests from the subordinate lodges.

May we also state that this Committee has never made snap judgments; it not only expresses its own opinions, but collects, if necessary, data from other Grand Jurisdictions working in similar Rites. We therefore crave the indulgence of constituent Lodges in any seeming delay before rendering our decision.

We regret that since the new appointment was made by the M.Wor. Grand Master which completed the Committee, although arrangements were made to hold a two-day meeting at the end of April in Calgary, we found that one of the members was on an extended trip to Britain, and another was called East on account of serious illness of a close relative.

May your Committee respectfully suggest that the thanks and appreciation of the Brethren be extended to M.W. Bro. Martland for his splendid service to the Jurisdiction for many years. He discharged the duties of Chairman of this Committee in a most efficient and admirable manner. He was truly a ritualistic authority, and gave freely of his time and talent. We pray that the Most High in His wisdom will fully restore Bro. Martland so that he may yet labor for Freemasonry in general.

May we bespeak the fullest co-operation of all constituent lodges as this Committee will strive to carry out its duties with impartiality, having only in mind its desire to serve in a truly Masonic spirit.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE F. ELLIS.

Moved by M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. F. Empey (51) that the report of the Committee on the Work be received and adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,

Your committee appointed to consider the question of Public Liability Insurance was composed of the following members:

V.W. Bro. C. M. Macleod (Chairman).

V.W. Bro. D. Little.

V.W. Bro. R. Martland.

W. Bro. W. G. Stillman.

W. Bro. J. A. Tupper.

At the request of the committee, V.W. Bro. Martland submitted to the committee a very comprehensive legal opinion on the question of the liability of Grand Lodge and its constituent lodges for torts committed against third persons. A copy of his opinion is attached to this report.

In opinion of V.W. Bro. Martland, as set out in his written opinion and enlarged upon during the committee discussion, the situation with respect to Grand Lodge is as follows:

If at a meeting or other function over which Grand Lodge exercises control, a person is injured under circumstances which give rise to an action for damages, Grand Lodge might be held liable for such damages.

If an automobile, bus or other vehicle not owned by Grand Lodge is being driven under the control or on the business of Grand Lodge and is involved in an accident, the driver and owner of the vehicle would, of course, be liable for any damages arising out of the driver's negligence but Grand Lodge would also be liable.

If Grand Lodge owns or occupies real property it would be subject to all liabilities imposed by law arising out of such ownership or occupancy.

The officers and members of Grand Lodge are not individually liable for the liabilities of Grand Lodge.

The constituent lodges are not liable for the liabilities of Grand Lodge.

The situation with respect to constituent lodges is very similar to that of Grand Lodge.

If at a meeting or other function over which a Lodge exercises control, a person is injured under circumstances giving rise to an action for damages, the Lodge might be held liable for such damages.

If an automobile, bus or other vehicle not owned by a Lodge is being driven under the control or on the business of the Lodge and is involved in an accident, the driver and owner of the vehicle would, of course, be liable for any damages arising out of the driver's negligence but the Lodge would also be liable.

If a Lodge owns or occupies real property it would be subject to all liabilities imposed by law arising out of such ownership or occupancy.

If a Lodge is incorporated, the officers and members of the Lodge are not individually liable for the liabilities of the Lodge.

If a Lodge is not incorporated, the officers and members would not likely be held individually liable, but might become involved in an action as representative defendants representing the Lodge.

Grand Lodge is not liable for the liabilities of constituent Lodges.

It should be kept in mind that in all cases whether dealing with Grand Lodge or a constituent Lodge, the individual or individuals whose negligence caused the injury would each be liable for the consequence of his own actions.

In connection with the incorporation of a Lodge, while this is not strictly a matter for this report, the committee would like to say at this point that the question was taken up with the Registrar of Companies and it was found that about half of the Lodges are incorporated. The Registrar advised that the incorporation can be accomplished very simply, the principal documents being a certificate of resolution of the Lodge requesting incorporation and a certificate from Grand Lodge stating the Lodge was duly chartered and in good standing and the fee for incorporation is \$10.00. On the legal opinion received by the committee it would seem that incorporation of a Lodge would remove any possible doubt with respect to the question of liability of individual members.

Your committee has no knowledge of any action having been brought in Alberta against Grand Lodge or any constituent Lodge but in view of the fact that liability may exist, your committee feels bound to recommend that some steps be taken to protect Grand Lodge and constituent Lodges against such liabilities.

Your committee has considered the report on Comprehensive Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance submitted to the 3rd Biennial Conference of Canadian Grand Lodges held at Montreal in February, 1953, a copy of which report is attached to your committee's report.

In that report it is stated that the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario obtained two separate forms of coverage as follows:

Coverage A, \$1,000,000: Comprehensive Legal Liability for Bodily Injuries or Death and for Damage to Property (excluding Automobile Liability).

Coverage B: \$500,000: Non-owned Automobile Legal Liability for Bodily Injuries or Death and for Damage to Property.

The reason for effecting the insurance in two policies is that separate policies are required for automobile insurance.

The report states that the policies are so arranged that all the constituent Lodges can be included by the payment of the appropriate amount of premium for which Grand Lodge would be reimbursed by applying thereto a portion of the per capita tax imposed annually on the membership and that under this policy new Lodges are automatically included during the policy's term without extra premium. The report states that the insurance is carried by a master policy held by Grand Lodge and certificates are issued to constituent Lodges.

The report states in some detail the coverage and exclusions under this policy, some of which are as follows:

The report states that the insurance under Item A covers all liability imposed upon the insured by law or assumed by him under contract defined in the policy for damages including damages for care and loss of services, because of bodily injury, sickness, disease and mental anguish (including death at any time resulting therefrom) sustained during the policy period by any person or persons and arising out of the operations of the insured.

It also states that the insurance is not limited to coverage with respect to Lodge meetings alone but that it covers all Lodge activities including but not limited to banquets, dances, picnics, catering, food-stuffs served at banquets, etc., and also covers liability for accidental damage to property leased by or in the care, custody or control of the insured.

It states that the policy also insures with respect to Grand Lodge and constituent Lodges thereunder, all the officers or members individually or collectively and any committees or associations within such Lodges insofar as any liability exists on their part by reason of being members of such Lodges.

The report does not state that officers and members are insured against liability arising out of their own actions as officers or members and your committee feels that this point should be covered also.

The insurance does not cover the liability usually termed "landlord's liability" arising from ownership of real property and the report recommends that Grand Lodge or other Lodges owning real property should take separate insurance in this regard.

The premiums are stated in the report to be as follows:

Under coverage A the premium to Grand Lodge for a three-year policy is \$60.00. The premium charged constituent Lodges for a three-year policy is based on membership as follows:

Over 300—\$30.00; 100 to 299—\$24.00; under 100—\$18.00.

Under coverage B the premium to Grand Lodge is \$1.00 per year for each constituent Lodge registered with Grand Lodge at the time the insurance is placed; to constituent Lodges, \$6.00 per year regardless of the number of members.

On the basis of the foregoing premiums, the annual cost to each Lodge would be either \$16.00, \$14.00 or \$12.00 depending on the size of the Lodge. The annual cost to Grand Lodge would be \$20.00 plus \$1.00 for each of the constituent Lodges.

Applying this premium to Alberta Grand Lodge it would mean an annual cost to Grand Lodge of \$179.00.

The committee in Ontario obtained rates from and recommended placing the insurance with a specific insurance company. Your committee did not feel that it should approach any particular insurance agent or company in this regard. Your committee assumes, however, that the rates obtainable in Alberta will be much the same as those in Ontario.

The committee in Ontario recommended that the plan be made compulsory for all constituent Lodges and the premium be included in the per capita assessment. Your committee feels that it should be open to individual Lodges to decide whether or not they wish to come under the plan. It should be noted, however, that the premium quoted in Ontario was quoted on the basis of not less than 25 per cent. of the constituent Lodges being included in the plan and it was stated that the premium would otherwise be 25 per cent. higher.

Your committee feels that the liability limit of \$1,000,000 is perhaps a high figure and that unless the cost of the additional coverage over and above \$500,000 is very nominal, the liability limit under both policies should be \$500,000.

Your committee therefore recommends as follows:

- 1.—That Lodges not incorporated consider the question of the advisability of incorporation;
- 2.—That Lodges owning property either by the Lodge or committee or boards of trustees obtain appropriate insurance against liability arising out of the ownership of such property;
- 3.—That Grand Lodge be authorized to obtain policies along the lines of those set out in the Ontario report with liability limits in the case of each coverage of \$500,000 on a basis whereby a master policy is issued to Grand Lodge with the right for any constituent Lodge to apply to come under such policy on payment of the appropriate premium, such policies to cover the liability of Grand Lodge

and constituent Lodges which come under the policy, officers and members thereof and particularly including to the extent that it can be obtained, coverage of the individual liability of officers and members for their actions while acting on behalf of and as officers and members of a Lodge.

4.—That it be recommended to all Lodges that they participate in this insurance and that the necessary particulars in this regard be submitted to each Lodge.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

C. M. MACLEOD.
D. LITTLE.
R. MARTLAND.
W. G. STILLMAN.
J. A. TUPPER.

Moved by V.W. Bro. C. M. Macleod (142), seconded by W.Bro. J. A. Tupper (7) that the Report of the Committee on Liability Insurance be received and adopted and referred to the Finance Committee for necessary action. Carried.

The Grand Master: You have heard the report of this Committee. This has been a matter that has been on the minds of your Grand Lodge officers and many members of Grand Lodge for a number of years. I am sure that you want to have a full discussion in the matter, I have asked V.W. Bro. Macleod to stay close to the mike so that he can answer the questions—I know I won't be able to. So if you would like to have a little discussion, is there anybody that wants to ask a question?

W.Bro. N. Scott (83): Has V.W. Bro. Macleod and his committee considered the matter of employers' liability, in the comprehensive form?

V.W. Bro. Macleod: We did not deal with that question. It is to be taken out by separate policy. It does not come within the policy.

The Grand Master: That brings us to the end of our afternoon labor. I would like someone to thank the committee.

M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming: I would ask that we pass a very hearty vote of thanks to V.W. Bro. Macleod and his Committee for the very complete report submitted; it indicates many hours of labor and this Grand Lodge is greatly indebted. I am very disappointed that there was no discussion; it is a very serious matter. Applause.

The Grand Master: V.W. Bro. Macleod, will you see that the Committee is properly thanked—all those who assisted you?

The Grand Master: Now we have finished our work for the afternoon. The next item on the program will be a banquet tonight.

The Grand Master: I now declare this Grand Lodge adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5:05 p.m.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

A banquet was held in the main dining room of the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, at 6:30 p.m. with some 390 members in attendance. Grace was said by R.W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan, Grand Chaplain. This was followed by the singing of "O' Canada". Then a Toast was offered to the Queen and the Craft. The Chairman was R.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard, Junior Grand Warden.

The Grand Master introduced the Distinguished Guests and Brethren at the Head Table.

R.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard: May I first note that I am very pleased to see such a large number at our gathering this evening and also the interest that was displayed at our Communication meeting today. It is not numbers entirely that count but the enthusiasm and interest we put in our work which is possibly more important than the numbers. I should be remiss if at this stage I did not thank you for electing me to this office. I trust I will be able to fill the requirements and I assure you I will do it to the best of my ability. You will all agree with a statement by Dr. Fosdick, prominent educationalist and a great public speaker. His remarks went something like this: "We cannot all be great men but we can all attach ourselves to a great project or organization." You, my brethren, are attaching yourselves and associating with the Masonic Order and with the members of that Masonic Order have taken a great step forward not only to improve yourselves but to improve conditions in the district in which you reside—in our fair Province and in the Dominion of Canada. It was noted in our meeting today that there are slightly over 17,000 Masons in Alberta. From information I have received I understand there are about 250,000 Masons in Canada. There are upwards of 6,000,000 Masons in the United States. Did you ever realize what an influence 17,000 people could have here in Alberta and a larger number in the Dominion and in the United States? If one and all we carried out the ideals as noted in our ritual and obligations, I am sure that were we have chaos now in many parts of the world, that would be changed to harmony, peace and much better conditions. Now I realize my function is not to address you — the main address will be given later on by a prominent speaker but I would like to refer to one point before the next item. I was impressed this afternoon and also yesterday afternoon with the financial statement. You will recall how accurately the finance committee headed by M.W. Bro. Cumming had estimated the expenses and the income and that did not occur by any hit and miss method — it came as a result of what shall we say — scientific calculation — having statistics at your fingertips — and it reminded me yesterday and today of my own experience. Some have heard my record — but it is new to most. In my position in Edmonton it is necessary to estimate the school enrollment and estimate it considerably in advance. Two years ago I made the report to the Board in December or January as to the number of pupils in the school the following September. About two years ago I made the estimate and in September I was out ten pupils in 25,000. By virtue of my position I have to speak to Home and School and

various organizations and in reporting that, one good lady at the end of the meeting came to me and said Mr. Sheppard, since you quoted those figures I have wondered and am wondering what connection you have with the women of this city to know in advance how many children there will be. I think we had better go to the next item. We have a Toast to the Grand Master and his Officers. This will be proposed by V.W. Bro. Alex Blackie.

V.W. Bro. Alex Blackie: R.W. Toastmaster, M.W. Grand Master, distinguished brethren and brethren all: This is a very high honour to be entrusted to this important toast — the Toast to the M.W. the Grand Master and his officers. I intended to do it up in the best high sounding rhetoric I could apply, but the R.W. the Grand Junior Warden reminded me this was Wednesday and the early closing must apply. You must abide by the consequences. We honour the M.W. the Grand Master and his brother officers for their time and labor and means which they have put into the looking after the affairs of this Grand Lodge during the Masonic year which is just closing. They have earned our gratitude and our affection. This we give to them whole heartedly, especially the Grand Master. Speaking Masonically we thank them for what they have done and we love them for what they are and forgive them for what they are not. Will you rise and drink with me the Toast to the Grand Master and his officers.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William H. Jackson: Brother Toastmaster and Bro. Blackie: This is a duty that falls upon me as Grand Master to reply to this Toast. But before we get into it too deeply I just want to explain the remarks that have been made so far. Our Toastmaster said something about knowing all about the children. Well, of course, being the Junior Grand Warden and having to look after us all in refreshment he would have a little more information than the rest of us. I would say thanks very much Brother Blackie for the very kind words said about myself and the other Grand Lodge Officers. My Brethren, this is the zenith of the Grand Master's year when he can stand up knowing very well that he is almost an old "has-been". When he can stand up and open his heart and express the gratitude that he feels for the many kindnesses — the many things — that have come his way during the past year. The Grand Lodge Officers have been most co-operative and most helpful and with their assistance we trust that Freemasonry has gone a little step farther in this great Province of ours. The Grand Master and Officers could not do it alone. We have had the support of 17,012 Masons in this province and to them we owe a deep debt of gratitude and on behalf of myself and the Grand Lodge Officers I would say thank you to the brothers. The Grand Master, of course, is just here for one year. It is a long, hard, happy year. I thought I had done a bit of work in my life but I didn't find out what it really meant until this last year. The brethren think we don't want to have too much sleep. You go to a meeting tonight and you probably get to bed at 2 o'clock and then go with a fresh bunch tomorrow night and they keep you up till 2 o'clock and, unfortunately, I was brought up as an early riser in my youth and I cannot stay in bed in the morning, but brethren, all joking aside,

it has been a most happy year. I don't know just exactly how to thank you all for the many kindnesses, but I know that my sun is pretty nearly sinking in the west and your eyes are looking eastward for the dawn of another day and the control of another Grand Master. So my brethren I can only say how happy I am to be here and wish everyone of you wonderful success in this great institution and may it carry on the work and in the language of that immortal Masonic poet Robbie Burns:

"Then let us pray
That come what may
As come it will, for a' that
That man to man the world o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that."

I thank you my brethren. (Applause).

The Grand Master: I feel you are just as interested as I am in the result of a part of the election. I am sure the chairman of the scrutineers will be pleased to give us the result of the election of the Junior Grand Warden. I would ask Brother Ireland if he will just announce the election as far as the Junior Grand Warden.

M.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland: M.W. the Grand Master and Brethren. Today you elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden V.W. Bro. Samuel G. Bannan, of Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 86, Blairmore.

R.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard: I am sure our congratulations go out to the new Junior Grand Warden. For my next item I must make a little apology. We were supposed to have two musical numbers. The first was from Bro. Bill Cromb — all of you in the north know him and some of you in the south but Bill left for Ottawa this morning and he was unable to be here. But we will be favored by a violin selection by Bro. Archie Bichan of Acacia Lodge, accompanied by Bro. Ralph Cooper.

(Two musical selections were rendered.)

R.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard: We now come to the meat, as it were, of our gathering this evening. We have our guest speaker and he will be introduced by M.W. Bro. Jackson.

M.W. Bro. Jackson: Brother Toastmaster, Honored Guests and Brethren all. You will remember that Brother Blackie forgave us some of our sins. My sins here were not sins of commission but sins of omission. Unfortunately the head table was not long enough on one end or both ends. It was necessary to reserve a couple of tables in front and there we have very distinguished Brethren.

(The Grand Master then introduced a number of Past Grand Masters.)

Now it is my duty to introduce to you M.W. Brother Laurence Healey, Immediate Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, one of the best read Masonic scholars we have in the western part of Canada. You have read much of his writings in our own Bulletin. You have read it in other Masonic magazines.

I can assure you I was very happy when Brother Healey consented to come over the hills to talk to us here. He was made a Brother of Freemasonry in a Vancouver Lodge — Australian Southern Cross, No. 44 in Vancouver. I do not think I am going to say much more. I am sure Brother Healey can speak for himself. My Brethren I give you M.W. Bro. Healey.

M.W. BRO. LAURENCE HEALEY, P.G.M., G.R.B.C.:

"The Coming Third Age in Masonry"

R.W. Bro. Chairman, M.W. Grand Master and Brethren: When I was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia last year it was my very great regret that I could not visit the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge in the City of Calgary, because on that same day I had a commitment to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. When I received your invitation, M.W. Grand Master, to come and take part in your Annual Proceedings this year I was very delighted to accept.

Looking out across your great Saskatchewan River this afternoon and watching the debris of trees and other stuff riding down on the flood of high water, it reminded me of circumstances associated with a similar flood about five years ago on our "Mighty Fraser" down at the Coast, when it over-flowed its banks and caused great destruction. One of the small towns up the Valley had a low area which was covered by four or five feet of water. Those evacuated from their homes were standing on higher banks and looking down over the flooded area watching the stuff floating down, haystacks, garages, chicken-coops and all the things that go down in a flood of that kind. But in one of the quieter eddies they noted a man's hat which floated down a certain distance, and then for some reason it would stop and go back up the stream for about thirty or forty yards, then float down again and continue to repeat the operation. The people watching could not understand it and were greatly puzzled until one young fellow spoke up and said, "I know what that is — that's old Arthur Johnson. You know what a determined old character he is, well last week I heard him swear that come 'hell or high water' he was going to mow his lawn this week end — and he's doing it now." So, M.W. Grand Master, when I got your invitation I said, "come hell or high water" I would be with you at this gathering.

In 1924, just thirty years ago, was the last time I was in the City of Edmonton, and need I remark there have been a few changes since that time. If I recall aright, Jasper Avenue not then gravelled, much less paved, with street cars running up the centre, and the adjoining streets extending out to ploughed fields, comprised the City of that time. And now I come back and find, in that comparatively short period in the life of one individual, it has grown into this magnificent City — the giant metropolis of the North. The continued development of the natural resources of this area, and the fact that you are situated at the cross-roads of the northern world holds the promise of an even greater era of development in the next thirty years, something perhaps which you can

no more visualize today than I could have imagined the present City as I stood on Jasper Avenue in 1924.

On that occasion I came by rail, this time I travelled by automobile, and when I consider the highway extending south from here, over which I came, one can endorse the remarks of the Mayor of this City today when he stated that we need to have a good deal more Masonry in the administration of our public affairs. One can appreciate what some Brethren, in the Public Works Department for instance, who are well skilled in the uses of the level, could do to some of those roads. Of course allowance must be made for the unprecedented rainfall which you have had for the past few weeks.

They tell stories about my home City of Vancouver, on the "sunlit shores of the blue Pacific," and make cracks about the few odd showers of rain we have from time to time. I think the City of Edmonton will take the ball away from us if you continue with this kind of weather. They tell the story about the man who departed this life, but due to some detour on the way instead of arriving at the Pearly Gates he landed down at the wrought iron ones round the smelter. He noted one of the demons stoking a big furnace and every once in a while he would stick in his poker and dig out a good size clinker and throw it to one side with a heap of others, at the same time swearing and cussing to himself. "What's the matter?" asked the man. "Is there something wrong with your furnace?" "Nope," replied the demon. "That heap over there are all from Vancouver -- they're just too wet to burn."

Well, R.W. Chairman, when I searched around for a subject upon which it might be appropriate to speak to this distinguished gathering of leaders in Freemasonry — you have here assembled the Masters and Wardens of your constituent lodges, the real leaders of the Craft in this Province — it occurred to me that it might be profitable to discuss with you something of the background of our Institution, of its progress to its present honored position in life and possibly to look a little further towards the future and endeavor to evaluate its place and purpose in relation to the climatic events of this day and generation by which we are surrounded.

The ritual tells us that "Freemasonry has existed from time immemorial." In the dictionary "time immemorial" is defined as "a time so remote that the beginning cannot be remembered, traced or ascertained". But there is no definition given anywhere as to what form of the Order that phrase applies, because our present system is of comparatively recent origin, dating back no more than two and a half to three centuries. However, when we apply it to the successive building ages marked by the erection of material structures, to honor many gods as well as to the glory of the Most High, back from the Cathedral Builders of the middle ages to the Greeks, the men of Tyre, and to the more remote times of Nimrod and the masons who built such gigantic structures as represented by the enormous ruins of Baalbeck, in Syria, then it is truly a time immemorial institution.

But our Craft system has incorporated in its teachings much more than what it inherited from the Operative Builders. The very heart and soul of the present organization consisting of those philosophical and spiritual doctrines as taught in its legends and allegories concerning death and immortality. These, too, have time immemorial quality as they have come down as an inheritance from the Masters of the Ancient Wisdom of the ages by way of the various Mystery Rites and ceremonies, Greek and Persian, Chaldean and Phoenician, and the older schools of Karnak and Thebes on the Nile, and from other sources even older still.

When these two great streams of thought and revelation, the one derived from the tools and principles of operative builders, and the other from the eternal verities of life, death and immortality, merged and blended into one in the island of Great Britain some two and a half centuries ago, there came into being a second age of Masonry which has since been known as the Speculative Age.

At that time Great Britain was a small nation of less than one tenth of its present population. There were but a few scattered settlements on the eastern seaboard of the North American continent. There was no overseas Empire or Commonwealth, and it is hard to visualize the limited area in which our now world-wide organization of Speculative Masonry had its origin. In the Revolution of 1688 political and religious freedom had been secured, and the deposed king, James II, went into exile in France. But at the turn of the century the infant democracy was forced to defend itself in a struggle to the death against the armies of the powerful Louis XIV of France, who, with the support of the Vatican, sought to restore the Stuart dynasty to the Throne of Great Britain. After several years of terrific conflict in Europe, and hardship and privation at home, the British forces under the able leadership of the Duke of Marlborough, ancestor of the present Prime Minister, Winston S. Churchill, gave the final knock out to the armies of Louis in the victories of Ramillies and Blenheim in 1706, which marked a great turning point in the history of our western civilization.

Just the same as in our times, relaxation from the tension of the war years brought a moral decline, and at the period of the accession of George I of Hanover to the Throne, in 1714, the moral state of the nation was at a very low ebb. Cheap gin and hard liquor had replaced the national beverages of beer and ale. Women, and even children, joined the men in crowding the pubs. Orgies of drunkenness, lust and prostitution unlimited, slums, filth, rowdysm and crime of all kinds were commonplace. As an alternative to national suicide sincere and thoughtful men, who were appalled by the situation, began to speculate upon the possibility that an extension of the ideals and principles contained in the lessons from the working tools of Operative Masonry, and the heritage of sublime truth derived from the Ancient Mystery rites, and their application in the national life would bring about the much needed reform. Or in the words of the ritual, "to improve the morals and correct the manners of men and society must be your constant care." The Grand Lodge of 1717, in London, was the result.

It was a tremendous task they set themselves because they had to contend not only with the licentious life of the day, but with the sharp political division within the nation which manifested itself even in the ranks of the newly formed Grand Lodge. On the one side were the leaders and majority who supported the Protestant Succession to the Throne in the person of the new King, George I, while on the other were those who declined to pledge allegiance to one whom the Scots called the "wee German lairdie". The Duke of Wharton, a strong Jacobite supporter, who was Grand Master in 1724, incurred the censure of Grand Lodge for omitting the time honoured toast to "The King and the Craft" at the Annual Banquet. On other occasions when the toast was given, some members used to salve their conscience by passing their wine-glass over the jug or pitcher of water on the table, thus they were drinking to "The King across the water" — the exiled James II.

Masonic historians in their chronicle of the events leading up to the Great Schism of 1751, which divided the Grand Lodge of England into the Antient and Moderns, record only the surface manifestations of the differences and disputes, in terms of "irregularities in the making of Masons", changes in the pass-words and modes of recognition thereby violating an ancient landmark," and other divergencies from established practice. But a study of the secular history of the period, and the biographies of some of the individuals involved, makes it quite evident that those differences had their roots deep down in the political and religious disputes of the time. It was the disastrous defeat of the forces of the Pretender, Prince Charles Stuart, at Culloden Moor in 1746, which brought the dispute in Grand Lodge to a head, resulting a few years later in the division known as the "Great Schism of 1751". The dissenting body of the "Antients" was immediately recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, whose Grand Master and some of his Officers had been involved in the rebellion, and by the Grand Lodge of Ireland which had in its membership many influential supporters of the Jacobite cause. Thus the two Grand Lodges went their separate ways in acrimonious rivalry.

But, as they say in the movies, "Time Marches On". Out of the French Revolution of 1789 there emerged the figure of a Lieutenant of artillery — "The Petite Corporal", who, in a little more than a decade, became the Conqueror of Europe, and the shadow of Napoleon Bonaparte fell across Great Britain. In the nation united to meet the threat of invasion and the menace of a common foe there was no place for divided Freemasonry. So, in the year 1812, which saw Napoleon's retreat from Moscow and the loss of his "Grande Armee" in the Russian snows, there was established a "Lodge of Promulgation" which in 1813, the year before Waterloo, brought the two Grand Lodges together to form the present "United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England" — body which it is a pleasure to see represented here by my old friend M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, whom you appointed and invested this morning.) It was united upon a non-political and non-sectarian basis, prohibiting even the discussion of such matters within its lodges, and upon the premise that the application of the Speculative Masonic

teachings to the lives of individuals would in time produce an improved citizenship, a reformed society and a better world.

Now, after some two and a half centuries of progress in the Craft, we are no longer speculating. You business men, and almost everyone in Alberta is supposed to be speculating in oil or something associated with it, would know in very much less time whether your speculation had, or had not, become a sound investment. We are no longer Speculating in Masonry because we know by the engineer's test as applied to any piece of equipment, does it work, will it do the job? A long line of millions of witnesses during the generations since passed leave the testimony that these Masonic principles when applied to the hearts and lives of men have lifted them above the sordid and drab things of life, and enabled them, like Bunyan's Pilgrim, to ascend to the "Delectable Mountains" and view the glory of immortal spheres.

We know still further from the lives of members of this Grand Lodge, whom I cannot name, but you remember, whose lives were a benediction to all around them. And lastly, but most important to us, we know from the testimony of our own lives, because if this was a meeting of the old-fashioned evangelical style there are hundreds here who could stand up and testify as to how their lives have been enriched, enlarged and ennobled by the application of those Masonic principles of life and conduct as taught and inculcated around the altar of their lodge.

Now, although these great moral and spiritual principles of our Masonic philosophy have their influence upon the lives of countless thousands of individuals, yet Freemasonry has not made, and is not making a corresponding impact upon the collective life of this day and age. It has not penetrated to any extent into political, business or social life which is still largely profane. This brings a challenge to every gathering such as this, and to leaders of all ranks in the Craft everywhere, as to the question of our collective responsibility as an Institution in relation to the conditions around us, and if some adjustment in our system and methods of operation is not long overdue, whereby those great principles and ideals, which have proved so effective in the lives of individuals, might be applied with equal power and effect in the collective life of the body politic. Although not yet fully crystalized in Masonic thought, the very necessity of the occasion and the pressure of events and conditions today are bringing in a new and third age in Masonry. It has not yet emerged to the stage where it can be given a name, but perhaps "Applied Masonry" may be a term to use. And just as there were problems and difficulties of adjustment from the Operative to the Speculative, so the coming Third Age will, no doubt, have its problems too. But they can be solved in the knowledge that great institutions do not survive in the world by accident, they live and progress only by continued labour in shaping the present from the accumulated wisdom of the past. Masonry cannot live on dreams of former glory; as a live organism it must move along with, and even at times ahead of, the march of events. Its principles are eternal and cannot be changed, but its methods of teaching and applying those principles have changed, and must continue to change if they are to be effective in the coming days.

While it is not an exact parallel, yet there is a great similarity between the conditions of life in Great Britain at the beginning of the Speculative Age, following a revolution and a foreign war, and those of our own time, following two World Wars. During the past twenty-five years or so, and particularly during the past ten years there has been a serious decline in moral and spiritual values throughout the whole of our Western civilization. Broadly speaking that is quite apparent. To this baffled and confused generation concepts of good and evil are no longer clearly defined. Matters of right and wrong become the subject of votes. Moral issues are often decided by the count of heads, regardless of what may be inside them. One of the weaknesses of our democracy is that the vote of the feeble-minded, the alcoholic, the dope addict, the criminal and the gangster count for as much as that of the best citizen in the nation.

The absence of strong moral guidance in the educational system has left our youth without any clear direction. On a basis of pure materialism they have been taught that even Truth is subject to change. Expediency, the doctrine of getting by, has become one of the cardinal tenets of our time, with compromise and adjustment to the advance of Evil as a necessary adjunct. Though we have made tremendous strides in the advance of technical knowledge and material progress, our knowledge of the spiritual sciences lags far behind, with a resultant deterioration in moral life, so particularly noticeable as the aftermath of World War II.

In the years following that conflict our portals have been crowded by young men seeking membership in the Craft. Thousands of these, in fact the great majority of them, had served in some branch of the Armed Forces. During the years of that terrific struggle they were buoyed up by high ideals, and the courage born of faith in a splendid and noble purpose. It is only by the inspiration of such faith and idealism that men are enabled to serve and suffer, and sacrifice in a cause for which, in the immortal words of Lincoln, more than 2,000,000 of our young men "gave the last full measure of their devotion". Such a cause must be worthy of the price paid, if men are to lay down their lives for it. Those who served continued to the end with the firm conviction that out of the crucible of that fiery trial would come forth a refined and purified world in which righteousness and justice should reign supreme.

When they returned to civilian life they suffered great disillusionment, for what they found was not even the pale shadow of that brave new world of their dreams, which they had held up as an ideal worthy of sacrifice. Something had gone wrong, and they found instead confused and frustrated peoples amongst whom high ideals had become subservient to profits and material gain, and moral and spiritual values had become lost in the "dog eat dog" economic and social system prevailing.

In the bewilderment and confusion of the period they sought to lay hold upon something that might correspond to the high idealism which had become part of their lives. In Freemasonry they

saw an Institution which had survived wars and revolutions, economic booms and depressions, and they sought its stabilizing influence as an anchor for their troubled souls. They were not disappointed. They found that its lofty sentiments and high ideals touched chords which vibrated to these things in their own lives. They found something more in its allegories and legends, though dimly understood, in which some had an actual part on the larger stage of the Continent of Europe.

The Old World hemisphere of Europe and the Near East, the ancient cradle of our people — the Temple area, was the scene of the mighty drama. Three ruffians enter into a horrid conspiracy to wrest the secrets of leadership of the world from the Master Builder — symbolized by those nations of Western Civilization who have been the builders of all our great and free institutions down through the centuries. The Master is attacked at the South gate. Facism struck a mighty blow along the Mediterranean seaboard, but it missed and the Master recovering from the shock turned towards the West gate. Here he was accosted by the second conspirator more heavily armed than the first. The Nazi blow was a powerful stroke, but the Master recovered and now staggers, faint and bleeding from his efforts, blinded and confused, on the long journey towards his ultimate rendezvous with destiny at the East gate.

Many of these young men, carrying with them memories of their share in those events, were quick to recognize the extraordinary parallel in the drama so vividly depicted on the floor of the lodge when they were raised. And some of them have expressed the idea, perhaps you may have given it some thought too, that when H.A. was challenged at the West gate, he could very easily have compromised. He could have said, "Well, now boys let's get together on this. Let's sit down around a table, have a conference" — arrange a protocol — go to Yalta or Geneva, and work this thing out. He could have pretended to give them something not the "genuine". They would not know the difference, and he could "get by". But, NO! my Brethren. There comes ringing down to us across the centuries out of the heart of that sublime legend, the immortal response:— "My life you can have — my integrity never". That was the inspiring doctrine which those young men found in Freemasonry. It is the practical application of that principle that puts steel into the soul and enables men to serve a cause, to "give the last full measure". And it is only by the definite application of that principle in all the issues of life today that we can build up a civilization and social order worthy of that "last full measure", so that we may meet and withstand the attack of the third ruffian, who has already armed himself with the heavy setting maul, under the symbol of the hammer.

Although these young members in our lodges were not disappointed with Masonic teachings and associations, yet they are gravely concerned with the question as to why, such an honoured and respected Institution, with its vast membership, great wealth, tremendous influence, and backed by absolute testimony as to the effect of its principles in the lives of the millions of individuals who

compose it, is not more truly reflected in the social order of which it forms a part. If all those millions of Freemasons on this continent of North America, to which our Brother Chairman referred, were making a full and effective application of their Masonry to the political, economic and social life around them what a difference it could make. How much nearer this sorry scheme of things might be to the vision of that brighter world that was bought and paid for in "blood and sweat and tears."

The building of the individual temple has followed the plans laid down, but our task in the days ahead — the coming third age in Masonry — is to build the collective temple of our civilization upon the foundations of the Antient & Eternal Masonic Truth. That task calls for the best efforts of leaders, scholars and skilled workmen of every rank in the Craft, to seek to find ways and means to apply Masonic principles to the life of the community in such a way that they shall permeate through every avenue of public administration from the municipality to the national government of the state.

Masonry emphasizes the spiritual and moral values of life and insists that they come before all else where the physical or material is concerned — "my life you can have, my integrity — never". But our systems of political, economic and social affairs are operated on the very reverse. And they are so reversed because of man's failure, disinclination, inability — call it what you like — to get things in their right relationship and put first things first, in accordance with the pattern laid down by the Great Galilean Master nearly two thousand years ago. Some of his followers were discussing the question of food, clothing, shelter and other material necessities of their day in relation to the Christian doctrine, when He reminded them that their Heavenly Father knew that they had need of such things. There was nothing wrong with the possession of them. Some of His most intimate disciples had considerable investments in the commercial fishing industry. One of his close relatives (in whose new tomb he was subsequently laid) was a wealthy shipping magnate, in the import and export business. His own family operated a woodworking plant. There was no admonition against these, but He was most emphatic that they be placed in their right order: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." That was the important point; the automobiles and airplanes, large buildings and dining rooms, radios, dishwashers and all the rest, shall come in their right relationship. Man must first study the principles of the spiritual sciences to enable him to use aright his discoveries in the realm of the material.

Well, for nearly two thousand years past man has sought everything else under the sun, but ignored the Kingdom, or at best paid lip service to it when convenient or in the somewhat doubtful sincerity of his daily prayer: "Thy Kingdom come on earth, as it is in Heaven." By his study of what we call "the liberal arts and sciences", and the application of intellectual truth to the secrets of nature, he has made tremendous discoveries. He has built ships that sail the oceans, trains that cross the continents, autos that run along highways, airplanes that circle the earth and the millions

of gadgets which make up our modern life, but all produced upon the purely materialistic basis of profits and commercial gain, while countless thousands mourn as the result of inhumanity in the process. His lack of knowledge in the science of spiritual values has left his whole scheme of things so lopsided and out of balance that in spite of his best efforts it is even now tumbling down all around him.

The apex of his discoveries in the secrets of nature — the shadow of a giant fireball hovering over the Pacific — has brought down upon humanity the spectre of a desperate fear. They have come to the terrible realization that scientific material progress to the neglect of moral and spiritual values has set them upon a slippery slope leading down to a horrible abyss of destruction. They are frightened beyond all possible estimation by the results of man's own inventive genius, and by the element of destruction that lies within him. He lacks the knowledge of the spiritual sciences which would enable him to control the thing he has invented. In other words he has built himself up this vast fabric of material civilization, whereby he has gained the whole world, but lost his own soul.

The challenge to all of us in this day is, that we find our souls again and get back to first principles, so that we can apply the spiritual forces of life to the control and operation of this material civilization we have developed. We have the one alternative — too terrible to contemplate.

I shall leave the thought with you, my Brethren, for this address is long enough for an occasion of this kind. Inheritance in great principles bears with it the individual and collective responsibility that the inheritance is not only preserved but transmitted, as the example of the perfect social and economic order based upon the teachings of the Master, "Seek ye first the Kingdom". It is not an idle dream, it is simply the secrets had been lost by which creative genius may be united to perfect sanctity for the benefit of all in scientific progress. This heritage of ours, come down from the time immemorial ages of the past, is ours to use and apply to the problems of this material civilization, to show the way — to light the torch that all may see to tread the path amidst encircling gloom.

Raise, and set forth in motion, the spiritual potential of Freemasonry and you thereby generate a force than can transform the world. (ENTHUSIASTIC APPLAUSE).

R.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard: The hearty applause you received indicates in no uncertain terms the quality and the impressiveness of the message you have delivered. No one who is not a master of English; no one who is not familiar with world history — particularly European and English, and no one who is not a keen student of Masonic literature and information could deliver such an address. I am sure you would all have me express to our M.W. Bro. our most hearty thanks for such an instructive and inspiring address. (APPLAUSE).

R.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard: This, brethren brings us to the end of the evening. Will you rise and we will have the Toast and the National Anthem.

The banquet and evening entertainment concluded at 9:10 p.m.

SECOND DAY (Morning Session)

Labour Resumed at 9:10 a.m.

The Grand Master: Brethren, I hereby declare this Grand Lodge opened for labour this morning.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta:

Your committee on the Report of the Grand Secretary has read with a great deal of interest the first report of R.W. Brother E. H. Rivers in his capacity of Grand Secretary.

The co-operation of his predecessor M.W. George Moore, so nicely referred to, brought a feeling of gratification to us and I would like to say that our knowledge of "George" brought forth an expression "Well done good and faithful servant."

LODGES

It is good to hear that the number of lodges is being maintained but we cannot help but feel that there might be more and that the average membership per lodge is remarkably high when one considers the need for fellowship and the natural desire to eventually occupy the chair in the East.

PROCEEDINGS

These provide a great deal of information regarding the activities of our own Grand Lodge, as well as many reviews of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges and we trust that the information contained in this very interesting book will be greatly used and distributed amongst the brethren of the respective lodges, so that they may pass on to such of the brethren as are not fond of reading, some highlights of the fund of information therein supplied.

FIFTY-YEAR JEWELS

The tribute given by the Grand Secretary for the long and faithful service of the brethren who had been presented with these

jewels during the year under review, is in our opinion commendable and we would also like to express to these brethren our congratulations on their longevity and trust that they will be long spared for continued service.

DISPENSATIONS

The giving of dispensations recalls to our mind that these are in reality variations of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge and would either indicate a need for a change in the Constitution or a curtailment of the various methods of procedure, which are in fact deviations from Laws and Regulations, that are creeping into the various requests. They all make more work for the Grand Secretary and while they provide funds for the Grand Lodge they call for an unnecessary amount of time in their consideration and preparation.

MEMBERSHIP

It is gratifying to note that there has again been a substantial increase in the membership and we trust that it will continue.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND SECRETARIES

The report on the above conference in Washington was presented in a very interesting manner and we gather that our Grand Secretary was amply repaid for his efforts in his attendance at the conference.

GENERAL

It would appear from the report of the Grand Secretary that we have had another very active year. We congratulate him on the very lucid and informative report which he has submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

H. E. HOWARD.

LEROY W. BOND.

MOVED by M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28), seconded by M.W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond (137). That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the M.W., The Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:-

The Address of our Grand Master is most complete, he has had a very busy year, perhaps one of the busiest of any Grand Master we have had, he has spared himself neither time or personal expense and your Committee are of the opinion his great contribution to

Freemasonry will prove of great benefit to all our members and to the Craft in our Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta.

Our Grand Master attended all of the nineteen District Meetings scattered as they are from one end to the other of our Province of Alberta, he also visited our Lodge situated in the North West Territories, Yellowknife Lodge No. 162. In addition to these visitations he found time to attend the Grand Lodges of Montana and Saskatchewan both of which honoured him with the rank and dignity of Honourary Past Grand Master, he also attended last week the Annual Communication of our Mother Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba of which Grand Body he is the Grand Representative near our Grand Lodge of Alberta.

CONFERENCES

Our Grand Master found time to attend our Annual Conferences of Canadian Western Grand Lodges that was held in Banff, and the Annual Conference of Grand Masters that was held in Washington District of Columbia, United States of America.

Your Committee are in agreement with our Grand Master when he states our District Meetings are the backbone of our organization and they should perhaps be more widely attended than they are.

Your Committee congratulate our Grand Master in having the privilege of Constituting and Consecrating four new Lodges and in being able to attend the Seventieth Anniversary of Bow River Lodge No. 1 and the Fiftieth Anniversary of Olds Lodge No. 16. Bow River Lodge No. 1 is twenty-one years older than our Province of Alberta.

Our Grand Master's decisions and rulings are well taken, also his suggestion that our Grand Lodge Ceremonials be revised and that Masters and Secretary's of Lodges should consult the Constitution before writing the Grand Secretary's office for information.

Your Committee recommends that every brother read the Address of our Most Worshipful Grand Master in its entirety, it contains the vital things we think are Freemasonry. It is a pleasure to present this report to you and our sincere and fervent wish is that our Most Worshipful Grand Master and his good lady will be blessed with good health for many years in order that he can enjoy the fruits of his labour.

Fraternally submitted,

SAM HARRIS, Chairman.

RUSSELL J. BRADLEY.

Moved by M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), seconded by M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51). That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted. Carried.

The Grand Master: Brethren, we are getting along very nicely but I think we will have to leave the reports for a little while and I am going to ask M.W. Bro. Matson if he will bring us greetings from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. Leroy E. Matson: M.W. the Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, and Brethren: This morning your very fine Grand Master took me aside and said I am calling on you this morning but I don't want you to forget the teaching of the wagon wheel: the longer the spoke the larger the tire. I can also very carefully refrain from touching on the subject of aprons. M.W. Sir, I do want to bring to you all the sincere greetings of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. We very much enjoy these visits and it is our sincere hope that this Grand Lodge will send to our annual Grand Communication a good representation from your Grand Lodge. We extend a most cordial invitation.

Coming on these visits, in addition to the very fine fellowship, I find they offer so much I can learn and I have been sitting here taking note of many things and find our problems are very much alike. You have your troubles and we have had similar things to take care of. Yes, we have chain letters too and I became very much interested in that because there were too many coming in for comfort and I checked our postal regulations and found they had been changed and we could not say anything about it. I just came to the conclusion that any Brother who forwards a chain letter has just simply reached the stage where he no longer wishes to rely on his own good common sense. He no longer has any confidence in it and falls back on superstition rather than take the chance of some evil befalling him if he breaks the chain and so sends it on. It is like some members who go to church not because of their faith but to acquire celestial fire insurance.

I was very much impressed with your message and also the thought that you expressed, that principles unite and programs divide. We think principles unite all brethren in a common endeavour but they do not divide. Whenever I think of the Masonic Order and its teachings I am thinking of a symphony orchestra where each, according to his own qualifications—each, according to his own qualities, contributes to the symphony his particular instrument but those differences make for strength because we follow the principle of harmony and together we produce that symphony of brotherhood and that is what we need in the world today. If I had learned nothing more—if I had heard nothing more—than your speaker last night my trip would have been worthwhile. Frankly, he brought it home to us that we cannot hope to succeed if we involve our spiritual traditions merely in ritual—we have to go beyond ritual and then we shall succeed. Brethren, we have been facing that problem I suppose in all sections of the continent. Frankly, we are undertaking a program, M.W. Sir, where we will bring emphasis upon the purposes of the teachings of Masonry.

Why does a man become a Mason? Why does he travel that path from the rough to the perfect ashlar that he may become a perfect man? For what purpose? Why? So that he may become a better man in order that he may become a better citizen that he may contribute something of value to his community. At our next Grand Lodge Session we will pick out some brother who has carried out the teachings of Masonry in his community. We hope to have a

program of that kind in the lodges—not as an annual affair—but when a brother is worthy, give him recognition because it serves to emphasize that we have been Masons and have become better men and citizens and where a man has become that by becoming an unselfish servant we shall give him that recognition. M.W. Sir, I want to thank you for the good fellowship I have enjoyed here in Alberta. It has been a pleasure. Thank you and may you all come and see us.

The Grand Master: We are indeed honoured that you were able to come to our Grand Lodge. We are very pleased to receive your greeting and I will pass on to my successor your request that someone from our Grand Lodge attend your Communication. I am sure that any of our brethren who do go will have a very, very enjoyable time and I would ask you to take back to the members of your Jurisdiction our most hearty fraternal greetings. Now we will go back to one more little bit of business we have—a report of the committee on the fiftieth anniversary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard: We appreciate very much the privilege you have given us to attempt to make some plans for the fiftieth anniversary and this report can only be in the nature of a progress report because still more work has to be done but we have some recommendations and I will proceed with this report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee has given very serious consideration to the matter of arranging for the adequate celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of this Grand Lodge, and as a result thereof have the following recommendations to make:

1. That the celebration be held at the City of Calgary on June 9th, 1955 and to that end we recommend that at the next Annual Communication, which commences on the morning of 8th June 1955, an evening session be held if necessary, to complete the business on that day.
2. That a Luncheon be arranged to be held on 8th June 1955.
3. That a Special Communication of Grand Lodge be called for the morning of 9th June 1955, to celebrate our Fiftieth Anniversary.
4. That a Banquet be held on 9th June 1955, following the Special Communication.
5. We have invited M.W. Brother Gilbert M. Blackstock to be the special speaker at the Special Communication and M.W. Brother William Douglas, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Grand Historian of the Grand Jurisdiction, to be the special speaker at the Banquet. It is our pleasure to report that both these distinguished Brethren have accepted our invitations.

6. It is recommended that a souvenir of the occasion be obtained for distribution.
7. Tentative reservations have been made at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, which we shall be happy to confirm if the foregoing is authorized.

Fraternally submitted,

H. E. HOWARD, Chairman.

MOVED by M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald (83). That the Progress Report of the Committee on the Fiftieth Anniversary be accepted.

(At the conclusion of the report of the committee on the Fiftieth Anniversary the Grand Master commented as follows:)

The Grand Master: I am sure, brethren, we are indebted to that committee for a very splendid report and I would suggest that the committee finish their work until next year and I suggest to our incoming Grand Master that he, if necessary, re-appoint the committee to carry on the good work. You have here a motion to adopt the progress report and I would ask if you are ready for the question? Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 437 members and 40 Master Masons registered present at this Communication, carrying a total voting strength of 600, consisting of 80 W.Ms with 185 votes, 35 S.Ws with 52 votes, 34 Jr. Ws with 50 votes, 275 P.Ms with 274 votes, and 13 Proxies with 39 votes.

132 Chartered Lodges are represented, 24 Chartered Lodges without representations. 2 Lodges Under Dispensation represented. Details of representation are as follows:

No.	Lodge Name	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1.	Bow River	—	—	—	1	—	1
2.	Medicine Hat	1	1	1	4	—	7
3.	Alberta	1	—	—	2	—	5
4.	North Star	1	—	—	1	—	4
5.	Cascade	1	—	—	—	—	3
6.	Spitzie	1	—	1	—	—	3
7.	Edmonton	1	1	1	3	—	6
8.	Innisfail	1	—	1	4	—	7
9.	Perfection	1	1	1	1	—	4
10.	Eureka	1	—	1	4	—	7
11.	Acacia	1	1	1	7	—	10

No.	Lodge Name	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
12.	Red Deer	1	—	—	1	—	4
13.	Victoria	—	1	—	—	—	3
14.	Jasper	1	—	1	8	—	10
15.	Westaskiwin	1	—	—	2	—	5
16.	Mountain View	—	—	—	2	—	2
17.	Nanton	—	—	—	1	1	4
18.	Britannia	1	1	1	—	—	3
19.	Cornerstone	1	—	—	1	—	4
20.	Carstairs	1	1	1	1	—	4
21.	King Hiram	1	1	—	—	—	3
22.	Corinthian	1	1	—	—	—	3
23.	Calgary	1	—	1	1	—	4
24.	Vermilion	—	—	—	2	1	5
25.	St. Johns	1	1	—	6	—	8
26.	Sentinel	—	—	—	3	1	6
27.	Apollo	—	1	—	4	—	7
28.	Ashlar	1	1	—	1	—	4
29.	Kenilworth	1	—	—	2	—	5
30.	Summit	1	—	—	—	—	3
31.	Doric	1	—	—	—	—	3
32.	Cairo	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
33.	Stavley	—	—	1	—	—	3
34.	Star of the West	1	—	—	3	—	6
35.	Mizpah	1	—	—	2	—	5
36.	Gleichen	1	—	—	—	—	3
37.	Camrose	—	—	—	1	—	1
38.	Hope	1	—	1	2	—	5
39.	Lethbridge	1	—	—	1	—	4
40.	Joppa	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
41.	King Solomon	1	—	—	1	—	4
42.	Bowden	—	—	—	2	1	5
43.	Tuscan	1	—	—	4	—	7
44.	Buffalo Park	—	—	1	2	—	5
45.	Ionic	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
46.	Palestine	—	1	—	—	—	2
47.	Chinook	—	—	—	1	—	1
48.	Crossfield	—	—	—	1	—	1
49.	Robert Burns	—	—	—	2	—	2
50.	Comet	1	—	—	1	—	4
51.	Unity	1	1	—	15	—	18
53.	Strathmore	1	—	—	1	—	4
54.	Mount Lebanon	—	1	—	—	—	3
55.	Bassano	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
56.	Beaver	—	—	—	4	—	4
57.	Grassy Lake	—	—	—	2	—	2
58.	Chief Mountain	—	—	—	1	—	1
59.	King George	1	—	—	2	—	5
60.	Acme	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
61.	Provost	1	—	—	1	—	4
62.	Melrose	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
63.	Empire	1	1	—	4	—	7

No.	Lodge Name	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
64.	Bow Island	—	—	1	—	—	3
65.	Diamond City	—	—	1	—	—	3
66.	St. Andrew's	—	—	1	1	—	4
67.	Charity	1	—	—	1	—	4
68.	Edson	1	—	1	3	—	5
69.	Connaught	1	—	—	—	—	3
70.	Quarry	1	—	—	—	—	3
71.	Tawatinaw	1	1	1	—	—	3
72.	Coronation	—	—	—	3	—	3
73.	Brooks	1	1	—	—	—	3
74.	Vulcan	1	1	—	3	—	6
75.	Harmony	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
76.	Fidelity	—	—	—	1	—	1
77.	Strathcona	1	1	—	6	—	9
78.	Hanna	1	—	—	—	—	1
79.	Morning Star	1	—	—	—	—	1
80.	Excelsior	—	—	—	—	1	3
81.	Commercial	—	1	—	3	—	6
82.	Acadia	—	—	—	2	—	2
83.	Zetland	1	1	—	5	—	8
84.	Champion	1	—	—	3	—	6
86.	Rocky Mountain	—	—	—	2	1	5
87.	Crescent	1	—	—	1	—	4
88.	Wahpun	—	—	—	5	—	5
89.	Peace River	1	—	1	1	—	4
90.	Norwood	1	—	—	1	—	4
91.	Patricia	1	—	1	7	—	10
92.	Saskatchewan	1	—	—	8	—	11
93.	Symbol	1	1	—	1	—	4
94.	Lamont	—	—	—	3	—	3
95.	Kitchener	1	—	—	2	—	5
96.	Dynamic	1	1	1	—	—	3
97.	Albion	—	—	—	1	—	1
98.	Hand Hill	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
100.	Century	1	1	—	—	—	3
101.	West Edmonton	1	—	1	8	—	11
102.	Edgerton	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
103.	Foremost	—	—	—	1	—	1
104.	Oyen	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
105.	Grande Prairie	—	1	—	3	—	6
106.	Lake Saskatoon	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
107.	Carbon	1	—	—	3	—	6
111.	Nobleford	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
113.	Cyprus	—	1	1	2	—	5
114.	Westlock	1	1	—	3	—	6
115.	Crocus	—	—	—	1	—	1
116.	Spirit River	—	—	—	1	—	1
117.	Dominion	1	—	—	5	—	8
118.	St. Mark's	1	—	—	2	—	5
119.	York	1	—	—	1	—	4
120.	Monitor	—	—	—	1	—	1

No.	Lodge Name	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
123.	Rockyford	1	—	—	1	—	4
124.	Concord	—	—	—	3	1	6
125.	Cavell	—	—	—	2	1	5
126.	Pembina	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
127.	Granite	—	1	—	2	—	5
128.	Forestburg	1	—	—	2	—	5
129.	Meredian	1	—	—	1	—	4
130.	Hussar	1	1	—	2	—	5
131.	Kitscoty	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
132.	Craigmyle	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
133.	Manyberries	—	—	—	1	1	4
134.	Renfrew	1	—	—	4	—	7
135.	Alliance	—	—	—	2	1	5
136.	Cresset	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
137.	Irricana	1	—	—	3	—	6
138.	Onoway	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
140.	Big Valley	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
141.	Efficiency	1	—	—	3	—	4
142.	Ivanhoe	—	—	1	8	—	11
143.	Jasper Park	—	—	1	1	—	4
144.	Gratton	1	—	—	1	—	4
145.	St. Alban's	1	—	—	4	—	7
146.	Drumheller	1	—	1	—	—	3
147.	Northland	—	—	—	1	—No vote, late	—
148.	Mayerthorpe	—	—	—	1	—	1
151.	Lochearn	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
152.	Standard	1	1	1	—	—	3
153.	Whitecourt	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
154.	Waskatenau	—	—	1	—	—	3
156.	Hythe	—	—	—	1	1	4
157.	Sharon	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
158.	Berry Creek	—	—	—	2	—	2
159.	Lucerne	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
160.	Sexsmith	—	1	1	1	—	4
161.	Empress	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
162.	Yellowknife	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
163.	Ancient Landmark	—	—	—	1	1	4
164.	Gateway	1	—	1	3	—	6
165.	Canada	—	—	—	3	1	6
166.	Evergreen	—	1	1	4	—	7
167.	Temple	1	—	—	2	—	5
168.	Highlands	1	—	—	1	—	4
169.	St. George's	—	—	—	1	—	1
170.	Avon Glen	1	1	1	5	—	8
U.D.	Barrhead	—	1	1	—	—	3
U.D.	Milo	1	—	—	—	—	3
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Moved by V.W. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder (166), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. C. Neal (77) that the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted. (Carried).

(At the conclusion of the report of the Committee on Credentials the Grand Master commented as follows:)

The Grand Master: I wish to express sincere appreciation to that Committee for the great, heavy and long tedious work they had to do and I congratulate you Brother Lauder on your report. (Applause)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINEERS

M.W. Sir and Brethren:-

Your Scrutineers for the election of Officers report as follows:

The following Officers were elected by acclamation:

Grand Master M.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson (84)
Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert (24)
Senior Grand Warden R.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard (11)

The following Officers were elected by ballot:

Junior Grand Warden R.W. Bro. Samuel G. Bannan (86)
Grand Chaplain R.W. Bro. Rev. Hartford A. Cantelon (166)
Grand Registrar R.W. Bro. Mark W. Robertson (14)

The ballot for the Board of General Purposes resulted as follows:

R.W. Bro. John Booth (51)
R.W. Bro. J. L. Little (7)
R.W. Bro. F. J. Kavanagh (142)
W. Bro. C. S. Sinclair (170)
R.W. Bro. W. H. Harper (134)
W. Bro. A. B. King (11)
R.W. Bro. C. H. Westmore (23)
W. Bro. R. T. Martins (101)

To complete the term of R.W. Bro. Leslie J. Rosling (9), Grand Treasurer—R.W. Bro. S. H. Hardin (25).

To complete the term of R.W. Bro. Mark W. Robertson, Grand Registrar—W. Bro. L. E. McKay (87).

For the Board of Benevolence the following were elected by acclamation for two years:

W. Bro. Sidney P. Bird (59)
R.W. Bro. George W. Bureau (134)
V.W. Bro. George W. Skene (9)

R.W. Bro. Leslie J. Rosling (9) was elected to the Office of Grand Treasurer on the opening day of this Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM IRELAND, Chairman,

MOVED by M.W. Bro. William Ireland (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. S. E. Wood (42) That the Report of the Scrutineers be received and adopted and the election of those named be confirmed. Carried.

The Grand Master declared the Brethren elected and expressed the thanks of Grand Lodge to the Scrutineers for their work.

The Grand Master: I see the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan has left. He had to go yesterday and so we have the Grand Secretary and I think we will have to ask the Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. Robert Tate to bring greetings from Saskatchewan.

M.W. Bro. Robert Tate: M.W. Grand Master, distinguished Brethren and brethren of Alberta: I appreciate the reluctance with which your Grand Master asked me to speak for Saskatchewan and I express the regrets of our M.W. Grand Master in that he found it necessary to leave last night to return to Saskatchewan. On behalf of our Grand Master and on behalf of Saskatchewan Freemasonry I bring to you greetings and the right hand of Masonic Fellowship and every possible good wish for continued success. I want to congratulate you, M.W. Grand Master, on an outstandingly successful year of Masonic progress culminating in this very fine Annual Communication where an inspirational banquet has indeed been provided commencing with that splendid address of your M.W. the Grand Master and reaching a climax in that outstanding address from the rain and fog of British Columbia that was given at your banquet last night. Brethren, I appreciate the fact that you are working against a deadline. I know the problems that confront the pulse of Freemasonry down at that table and I am not going to take up any more of your time other than to say our M.W. the Grand Master and myself appreciate very much indeed the fine hospitality—the true western hospitality—that has been extended by you and we wish for you everything that is good for the future. (Applause)

The Grand Master: Thank you very much M.W. Bro. Tate. I had the privilege of attending the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan right after our Grand Lodge last year and the hospitality and kindness extended to me was most superb. I am very sorry M.W. Bro. R. L. Hanbidge had to leave and I will ask M.W. Bro. Tate to take back to him and to the Masons of the province of Saskatchewan our very warmest greetings and best wishes. Now we will do a little bit of work—we have an amendment to the constitution.

The Grand Secretary: M.W. Sir: R.W. Bro. Booth is here to make the motion.

R.W. Bro. J. Booth (51): M.W. Grand Master and Brethren: This amendment to the constitution has been thought necessary at this time because at the last Communication we changed our constitution so that you could elect your officers in November or May. Now by electing your officers in November you instal in December at an emergent meeting as we do here in the city. It necessitates the receiving of a dispensation to instal. In other words it costs us \$1.00 for installation and being Scotch we do not like to

pay that extra dollar so it was felt if we presented this amendment to the constitution it would cover the situation. I am reading the amendment you have all received on the notice of this Grand Lodge.

"That Section 144 of the Constitution be amended by deleting from the sentence in line 8 commencing "THEY SHALL BE INSTALLED" to the end of the Section and substituting the following:-

They shall be installed on the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist or St. John the Baptist, or at a meeting held not later than the Regular meeting in January or July following.
Section 144 will now read as follows:-

144. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary of each Lodge shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the regular meeting in May or November or at a Regular meeting next preceding the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist or St. John the Baptist and a majority of the votes cast by members present shall be necessary to elect. They shall be installed on the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist or St. John the Baptist, or at a meeting held not later than the Regular meeting in January or July following."

I MOVE, seconded by W. Bro. S. P. Bird (59). That the Constitution be amended accordingly.

Grand Master: Brethren is there any discussion? Are you ready for the Question? All in favour. Carried.

The Grand Master: Brethren, I am going to have greetings from another of our sister Grand Lodges—the one to the west. We were very pleased and honoured to have that beautiful address by M.W. Bro. Healey, Past Grand Master. Now we have with us R.W. Bro. Nelson, the representative of the Grand Master of British Columbia at this Grand Lodge. I would like to ask R.W. Bro. Nelson if he will address us now.

R.W. Bro. O. H. Nelson: M.W. the Grand Master and distinguished brethren: I am sure it is a pleasure for me to be with you this day representing our Grand Master M.W. Bro. Curran of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. As you know, M.W. Bro. Curran has been very sick during his term of office as Grand Master and he had a very severe operation and even now he is only at business about half a day each day. He comes down to his office in the afternoons, so that he will be able to attend and perform his duties as Grand Master. He asked me if I would be good enough to attend your Grand Lodge and extend his personal greetings to the M.W. the Grand Master of Alberta and to the Grand Lodge here on his behalf and on behalf of the 23,000 Masons in British Columbia. I extend the fraternal greetings of British Columbia to the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta. One year ago when our M.W. the Grand Master was Deputy Grand Master he asked me if I would accompany him to Calgary to attend the Grand Lodge, which I was very pleased to do. I personally have a kind of affinity for the province of Alberta. As a young man after serving my time in eastern Canada

I came west to Calgary in 1909 and remained there until 1915 when I moved to that wonderful province of British Columbia. Well, in Calgary I married a Calgary girl. We are now living up at Trail, B.C. My family was born there and my son married an Edmonton girl. I have the pleasure of taking her back to see her people on this trip. She is in the city with me and my wife today. It is about forty years ago this November since I left Alberta. I was back last year to Grand Lodge at Calgary. During my trips around the province with our M.W. the Grand Master—I happened to be his Grand Director of Ceremonies—I made several of the trips with him. He is not very well and I did most of the driving and when visiting Creston-Cranbrook we ran into W. Bro. Cook who was addressed yesterday by your M.W. the Grand Master and I had the pleasure of meeting him and he was telling me in Creston and Cranbrook he was at the meeting at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1905. I was very, very pleased to see him here yesterday. And I was very pleased to see that your M.W. the Grand Master had recognized him as such.

M.W. the Grand Master I have not got much more to say. I wish to thank you and R.W. Bro. Rivers, your Grand Secretary, for the hospitality that has been extended to me as the representative of our Grand Master at this Grand Lodge meeting. I will go back and report to the M.W. the Grand Master the wonderful hospitality which I received and of the courteous manner in which I was received. Next, I will just be home one day and then we will leave for Grand Lodge in Victoria—our own Grand Lodge—and on behalf of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Curran I hope to see yourself and if possible your newly installed Grand Master there and any other distinguished visitors that see their way to be there.

M.W. the Grand Master: Thank you very much R.W. Bro. Nelson. We are very pleased with your story of your affinity to Alberta and your attraction to British Columbia and we are very pleased to know that W. Bro. Cook has been made known to our various members.

(W. Bro. Cook had reported that he had misplaced his Past Master's Jewel and M.W. the Grand Master reported to the convention that it had been located and remarked: "On one occasion before there was joy when a piece of silver had been found and W. Bro. Cook there is joy in our hearts that a piece of gold has been found." This Past Master's Jewel bore the insigna "Medicine Hat—1901.")

The Grand Master: R.W. Bro. Nelson you had asked that our Grand Master—myself—and the Grand Master in a few hours to come to your Annual Communication but unfortunately we are not dual personalities. Our Grand Master has obligated himself to go to Saskatchewan on the same week and he has asked me if I would come to British Columbia and bring the greetings from this Grand Lodge which I shall be most pleased to do but I would also ask you to give our greetings to M.W. Bro. Curran and the members of Grand Lodge. Thank you very much for being here with us and we trust you will be able to come back again at some future time.

R.W. Bro. T. S. Jeffries: M.W. the Grand Master: I was a little slow perhaps yesterday in interjecting these few remarks to the report on benevolence. I am particularly interested every Grand Communication in this committee report under the very able chairmanship of M.W. Bro. Ireland. This committee are working quietly in their own way throughout the whole year. You will note brethren, no mention of names is made—just Mr. K. or Mrs. B. That is another part I like—not letting your right hand know just what your left hand is doing and I think we should have it reported in our minutes and I have much pleasure in moving a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and his committee for their interest in their brethren that are in distress. I do not know that I have anything further to say but I realize that some record should be made of their very faithful services during the past twelve months. (Applause.)

The Grand Master: I thank you R.W. Bro. Jeffries.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:-

It is some years ago since I was called upon to make a report to you. I am happy to tell you that we are gradually drawing nearer to our objective that every Lodge subscribe for our Bulletin and that every one of our members receive a copy every month. The following might be of interest to you, when I assumed the Editorship of the Bulletin 10 years ago 3,386 copies of the Bulletin were issued every month and 43 Lodges were not subscribers. This month 14,600 copies of the Bulletin were issued and all Lodges in the Province, with the exception of one are subscribers. This, I think, is very satisfactory progress. If a member of this Lodge is present today it is hoped he will return home and persuade his Lodge to become a subscriber.

Some Lodges do not subscribe for a sufficient number of Bulletins in order that every member of their Lodge receive a copy; it is hoped that previous to August 1st next all Lodges will review this matter and forward their revised orders to the Grand Secretary.

My sincere thanks are extended to all who have so kindly rendered assistance by contributing articles to the Bulletin throughout the year.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

I am glad to report that more use is being made of our Grand Lodge Library but it would be appreciated if more Brethren would make use of it. Our Library contains books and information on almost every Masonic subject and the loan of books can be had on application to the Grand Secretary.

I thank you Brethren for the opportunity of making this report to you.

Fraternally submitted,

SAM HARRIS,

Editor of the Bulletin and
Director of Research and Education.

MOVED by M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), seconded by M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51). That the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education and of the Editor of the Bulletin be received and adopted. Carried.

(At the conclusion of the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education the Grand Master commented as follows:)

The Grand Master: You have heard this report and I think the thanks of this Grand Lodge should be extended to M.W. Bro. Harris for the job of getting the Bulletin out over the years. It is a good publication and he has done hard work in getting it pretty well in the hands of every member.

The Grand Master: Now it is necessary to elect a Tyler by open vote. I am open for nominations for Tyler.

M.W. Bro. LeRoy Bond nominated V.W. Bro. Frank Pearce (137).

The Grand Master: There being no further nomination I declare V.W. Bro. Frank Pearce re-elected Grand Tyler. (V.W. Bro. Pearce was called to the Altar.) It is my pleasure and duty to inform you, V.W. Frank Pearce, you have been re-elected as Grand Tyler. We appreciate the good work you have done and the brethren thought fit to keep you in the same office. We know that you will perform the duties in the coming year as ably as you have in the past—thank you.

MOTIONS

The Grand Master: Any motions? There was a motion passed back to the Committee on the Board of General Purposes—I wonder if they are ready to report.

R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson: M.W. the Grand Master: There was a motion brought before the Communication yesterday regarding the Constitution in reference to aprons. I understand from R.W. Bro. John Booth that he suggests it is more than a motion. However the motion was made and seconded and according to my opinion that motion is out of order for this reason: You are asking the Grand Lodge to do something which it already has authority to do—therefore it is out of order.

The Grand Master: Thank you R.W. Bro. Dawson. I am sure that this is more or less the opinion we all had after we gave it a little thought.

The Grand Master: Now I am going to ask M.W. Bro. Jackson if he will say a few words. The last time he was here he was R.W. Bro. Jackson and now he is M.W. Bro. Jackson of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

M.W. Bro. Tom Jackson: M.W. the Grand Master, distinguished guests and brethren: Coming at the last of the program I am in the position of where practically everything that could be said has been said. Well, brethren, it is certainly a pleasure for me to visit the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta once more. I may say this is the first time I have ever visited the city of Edmonton. I was surprised on Tuesday night when coming into the city to see the area that the city seems to cover and I have not had much opportunity to travel around to view the city since you commenced your Annual Communication. As I said at the start, brethren, everything that could be said has been said but I have noticed for some months now in my office as Grand Secretary of Manitoba that there are more lodges celebrating birthdays—fiftieth and seventy-fifth and with these celebrations you generally hear more about our early brethren—that they built better than they knew. Well, brethren, I don't think the situation is any different today than it was at that time. The situation—the condition in the world today—is such that it is just as important for us to carry out the principles of Freemasonry and continue building on the foundations that those early brethren laid, just in the same spirit as they laid the foundation. Brethren I know you want to get on with your final act of this Annual Communication. I am very pleased to have been here. I hope that next year I may still be in the office I hold and come back and visit you again. Thank you very much.

The Grand Master: Thank you M.W. Bro. Jackson. We will be very glad if you can come back next year.

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris: M.W. The Grand Master: As usual we are very happy to receive visitors. We have the pleasure of having several visitors with us—some of whom have been with us before and others for the first time. You heard our last speaker say he had never visited Edmonton before—I think he has missed a lot in his young life. And as a slight token of our recognition and esteem, M.W. the Grand Master, I would like to make the following motion: That the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master be conferred on the M.W. Bro. L. Healey, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and also on M.W. Bro. Leroy E. Matson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota; and also on M.W. Bro. Dr. John R. C. Evans, Grand Master and M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and on M.W. Bro. R. L. Hanbidge, Grand Master and M.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; and as a slight recognition of the splendid and efficient services rendered us by our previous Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M., and Past Grand

Secretary that he be elected Grand Secretary Emeritus of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Grand Master: To our distinguished guests we are very pleased to confer these honours. Brethren, I believe that is all that I have to do. I just want, in a closing word, to say thank you to the many members of this Grand Jurisdiction, to the Grand Lodge officers and to all that made this year—this Masonic year—a very busy one and a most happy one for me. Thank you from the very bottom of my heart. (Applause).

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald (83) acted as Installing Officer, assisted by the Grand Director of Ceremonies V.W. Bro. B. C. Jakeman (118), M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124), M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51) and M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28).

At 11.20 a.m. the Grand Director of Ceremonies made a proclamation that the Grand Master and other Officers elected and appointed to this Grand Lodge had been regularly installed and invested into their respective stations.

M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald: M.W. the Grand Master: It has been a great privilege for me to instal you as Grand Master of Alberta. I want to say and I am sure I speak for all Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction when we extend to you our very best wishes that The Great Architect of this Universe may richly bless you in the years that lie ahead and you may be enabled to give leadership to the Craft and have health and happiness in so doing. I congratulate the Masons in Alberta in having such a noble and distinguished brother to govern their affairs during the coming year. Now I hand you the Gavel of your authority.

M.W. Rev. Peter Dawson: (Grand Master): I wish to thank M.W. Bro. Macdonald and those brethren who assisted him in installation today. Before closing the Lodge and before having a final word to say I will call on the Deputy Grand Master and other Officers to say a word.

R.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert (Deputy Grand Master): M.W. the Grand Master and Brethren may I at this time take advantage of the opportunity to express to my brethren in the Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta my very deep appreciation for the further honour which you have conferred on me at this Communication. It has been my privilege in the last two years to serve in the offices of Grand Warden under the auspices first of all of M.W. Bro. Harry E. Howard and in the past year under the sponsorship and auspices of M.W. Bro. William H. Jackson and I am sure no junior officer of any Grand Jurisdiction could have served his two years of office under more compatible auspices. I can assure the M.W. the Grand Master and the brethren of the Craft in the Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta that during the coming year in which it will be my privilege to act as Deputy Grand Master, I will do everything in my power to at least in some small measure earn the honour which you have conferred

upon me. I sincerely trust, at any time during the coming year if there is anything I can do to further the interest of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction or assist any brethren of the Fraternity I shall be most happy to do so at any time. May I thank you once again for the honour you have conferred on me. I can assure you it is not lightly regarded.

R.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard (Grand Senior Warden): M.W. the Grand Master and brethren: I would like to say I appreciate very much the honour conferred upon me by the brethren of Alberta. I will do my best to carry out the duties of my office.

R.W. Bro. Samuel G. Bannan (Junior Grand Warden): This is an office which does call for greater confidence and I do want to express my appreciation to the many brethren who have placed confidence in me. I accept the office with a sense of deep humility, being all too conscious of the responsibility which devolves on any brother whose privilege it is to be accorded this honour. I want to bespeak the manifestation of your goodwill, because without it I cannot merit the support which you have placed in me. That is all.

M.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson: Brethren: I would be remiss in my duty as incoming Grand Master should I fail to express to the immediate Past Grand Master, William H. Jackson our thanks and appreciation for a job well done. Another link has been forged in the chain of Grand Masters which bind all brethren in this great Jurisdiction in one bond of friendship and brotherly love.

It is fitting that I should express my personal thanks to all of you for the confidence which you have placed in me in electing me to the rank of Grand Master, the highest honour that brethren in Masonry can bestow upon one of its devotees.

Along with this honour must go a responsibility of leadership and a responsibility in fulfilling the duties involved in such an office. But responsibility is not new for a Freemason to shoulder. From the time he first makes covenant with the Institution until he reaches the end of his Masonic pilgrimage it is just one more duty added to another. The tendency of our age is progressive, that being so, Freemasonry must ever be in the lead setting the pattern of good living. In every walk of life a higher individual standard is demanded than in the past. We are becoming specialists in every art. Let us see as Masons that we are specialists in the art of living. The cornerstone of Freemasonry is the up-building of humanity and the carrying out of this design can best be done by creating a citizenship best adapted to an intelligent understanding of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry.

Freemasonry is being recognized as a world power for good and the best men in all communities are seeking admission to its privileges. It is a great Institution for blessing and up-lifting mankind.

Membership within our Fraternity must be kept on a voluntary basis. There must be no coercion. Those who come within our portals of their own free will and accord will find a hallowed atmo-

sphere. We meet as Masons in fellowship through brotherhood founded on the Fatherhood of God and seek to exemplify that spirit. Let us think of brotherhood as one of the most beautiful words in our Masonic language. It represents a goal towards which humanity is travelling. It is making progress—slowly perhaps but at every step men have become inspired and life has become fairer and the future richer in its promise.

Perhaps in the not too far distant future there will come the day as M.W. Bro. Jackson said last night “when man to man the world o’er will brothers be for a’ that.” Now we are entering on a new year, coming forward to the fiftieth anniversary and I trust you will put your heart and soul in this great organization—this great institution. I shall be happy to meet with you during the ensuing year. I will ask M.W. Bro. Harry Howard to present this jewel.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER’S JEWEL

M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard: M.W. Bro. Jackson: I do not know why this very great privilege has been given to me but I must say it is one of unbounded pleasure to be able to attach this Jewel of the Past Grand Master to a man who served this Fraternity for forty-three or forty-four years with the utmost diligence and fidelity and now he has crowned his efforts by having served his Lodge in its highest office and I think his memory of this work will last for many, many years. I hope he will be blessed by the Most High—by all its favours—that he will be able to continue to work as he has always done for Freemasonry since he was made a Mason and I hope, Brother Bill, you will have a great many blessings all through the coming years. (Applause.)

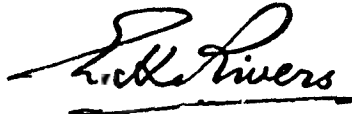
M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson: M.W. the Grand Master and Brethren: I do not think there is very much I could say. I do most heartily wish to thank Harry Howard for the wonderful obituary he made of me. I thank you all.

The Grand Master announced the meeting of the Board of General Purposes to be held at the close of Grand Lodge. This was followed by a prayer by the Grand Chaplain R.W. Bro. the Rev. Hartford A. Cantelon:

“May the blessings of the Grand Architect of the Universe rest upon and be with us always—now and forever—so mote it be.”

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being concluded the Forty-Ninth Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 11.40 a.m.

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "R. H. Rivers". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Grand Secretary.

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- V.W. Bro. Frank Pearce (137) Grand Tyler
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R.W. Bro. Edward H. Rivers (51), Grand Secretary	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Arthur D. Cumming (134)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. George W. Bureau (134)	Calgary
V.W. Bro. George W. Skene (9)	Calgary
V.W. Bro. Sidney P. Bird (59)	Calgary
*M.W. Bro. William Ireland (9)	Calgary
*M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124)	Calgary
*R.W. Bro. John J. Petrie (28)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell (77) Honorary	Vancouver
M.W. Bro. William J. Botterill (29) Honorary	Red Deer
M.W. Bro. George E. Cruickshank (26) Honorary	Hillcrest
M.W. Bro. George Moore (23) Honorary	Kelowna

*Term expires with Annual Communication, 1955.

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER

M.W. Bro. Harry E. Howard (28)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan (165)	Calgary
Bro. H. G. Bradley (90)	Edmonton

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R.W. Bro. Edward H. Rivers (51)	Grand Secretary

By Virtue of Office

M.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson (84), Grand Master	Champion
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M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. William J. Botterill (29)	Red Deer
M.W. Bro. James Watson-Young (37)	London, Ont.
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M.W. Bro. George E. Cruickshank (26)	Hillcrest
M.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell (77)	Vancouver, B.C.
M.W. Bro. Samuel H. Middleton (3)	Fort Macleod
M.W. Bro. Gilbert McN. Blackstock (35)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. John Martland (63)	Victoria, B.C.
M.W. Bro. Melvin McK. Downey (44)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. Clare C. Hartman (16)	Olds
M.W. Bro. George Moore (23)	Kelowna, B.C.
M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88)	High Prairie
M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Francis P. Galbraith (29)	Red Deer
M.W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. William Ireland (9)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. George H. Crane-Williams (89)	Vancouver, B.C.
M.W. Bro. Arthur D. Cumming (134)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. William A. Henry (10)	Lacombe
M.W. Bro. Howard B. Macdonald (83)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond (137)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Waldo F. Empey (51)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. Harry E. Howard (28)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. William H. Jackson (8)	Innisfail
R.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert (24), Deputy Grand Master	Vermilion
R.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard (11), Senior Grand Warden	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Samuel G. Bannan (86), Junior Grand Warden	Blairmore
R.W. Bro. Leslie J. Rosling (9), Grand Treasurer	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Mark W. Robertson (14), Grand Registrar	Edmonton

And all District Deputy Grand Masters.

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE

R.W. Bro. John Booth (51)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. William H. Harper (134)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Frederick J. Kavanagh (142)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. John L. Little (7)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Charles H. Westmore (23)	Calgary
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*R.W. Bro. Reginald F. Lawrence (87)	Calgary
*V.W. Bro. Arthur J. G. Lauder (166)	Edmonton
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* W. Bro. William G. Stillman (142)	Edmonton
* W. Bro. John Alvin Tupper (7)	Edmonton
*R.W. Bro. Samuel H. Hardin (25) to complete the unexpired term of R.W. Bro. Leslie J. Rosling (9), Grand Treasurer.	
*V.W. Bro. Leonard E. McKay (87) to complete the unexpired term of R.W. Bro. Mark W. Robertson (14) Grand Registrar.	
* Term expires with Annual Communication, 1955.	

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R.W. Bro. Wm. H. Williams (2)	Medicine Hat
R.W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83)	Calgary

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In Memory
of
The Honored Dead
of
Sister Jurisdictions

this page is dedicated



M. Wor. Bro. Archibald West

AT REST

It is with regret that we record the passing of M.W. Brother Archibald West who passed away in the University Hospital on Monday, October 26th, at the age of 72 years. He had been in failing health for some time. He was born in Montreal, Quebec on July 6th, 1881.

Archie as he was known to his many friends served us as M.W. Grand Master in 1937-38 and was a member of Edmonton Lodge No. 7. He served his Lodge and the Craft faithfully and well for 49 years. Always active in Freemasonry in all its branches he served as First Principal of Capitular Masonry in 1933, also as Provincial Prior and a Member of Sovereign Great Priory, was active in Cryptic Rite Masonry and the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite serving in many offices in both bodies, he was Potentate of Al Azhar Temple in 1938.

In civic life he served the University of Alberta as Bursar for 30 years resigning in 1948. He held the rank of major in the Cadet Officers Training Corps... He was a consistent supporter of the Presbyterian Church, it could be said that his motto was "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

He was buried in the Westlawn Cemetery, Edmonton, on Wednesday, October 28th under the auspices of Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, A.F. & A.M., deeply mourned by all who had the privilege and pleasure of knowing him. To his widow, Mrs. West and family we extend our sincerest sympathies.

*"He was a friend whose heart was good,
He walked with men and understood
And now he has journeyed on."*

—S.H.



R.W. Bro. A. Jackson Davis

R.W. BRO. A. JACKSON DAVIS

All members were deeply shocked at the news of the sudden passing of R.W. Bro. Alfred Jackson Davis, on May 6th, 1954. 'A. J.' as he was affectionately known to a wide circle of friends was at his office when suddenly stricken with a heart attack. He had fulfilled his duty as Grand Treasurer, an office that he had held since 1937, in getting everything ready for the Auditor for the year which ended on April 30th and was contemplating a holiday trip to the Coast for a rest.

R.W. Brother Davis was born in Dublin, Ireland on the 8th December, 1883. Coming to Canada as a young man he was employed as a Bookkeeper when he was Initiated into Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, Grand Registry of Manitoba, on September 9th, 1907, he was passed November 4th, 1907 and Raised December 2nd, 1907. He moved to Calgary and became a member of Calgary Lodge, No. 23 by Affiliation on October 1st, 1909, being made a Life Member on November 14th, 1936. Bro. Davis served as Worshipful Master of Calgary Lodge, No. 23 in 1917. He was also appointed Grand Senior Deacon in 1917, was elected District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1 in 1923 and was elected as Grand Treasurer in 1937. As Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. Davis served on the Board of Benevolence from 1937 to 1954.

R.W. Bro. Davis had a ready Irish wit, he was a willing worker and has served his Lodge and Grand Lodge well. His familiar presence at the Secretary's desk at Grand Lodge Communications will be sadly missed, many cannot remember a session when he was not at his post.

Funeral service was held at Christ Church, Elbow Park on May 10th, 1954, there was a very large attendance of Masonic Brethren. R.W. Bro. Davis was buried in the Union Cemetery, on a hill overlooking the City where he laboured for so many years.

*"He strove to live with love and care
Upon the level and by the square."*

In Memoriam

of the

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

of

OUR OWN JURISDICTION



"When Death draws down the curtain of the night.
And those we love in his deep darkness hides,
We can but wait the coming of the light.
And bless the memory that still abides."

Memorial Pages

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
1.	Bow River	Hobart, Cowan	April 11, 1953
1.	Bow River	Wright, Lawrence James	May 15, 1953
1.	Bow River	Amos, Henry	July 11, 1953
1.	Bow River	Caldwell, John Armstrong	July 18, 1953
1.	Bow River	Hopkins, James Evans	Aug. 6, 1953
1.	Bow River	Ford, James	Aug. 8, 1953
1.	Bow River	Jelfs, Frederick R.	Sept. 23, 1953
1.	Bow River	Wright, Jesse D.	Dec. 20, 1953
2.	Medicine Hat	Lakey, William	Mar. 3, 1953
2.	Medicine Hat	Giddy, Charles	Mar. 29, 1953
2.	Medicine Hat	Bennett, Harold Alfred	May 23, 1953
2.	Medicine Hat	Collier, John Henry	June 13, 1953
2.	Medicine Hat	Cory, Milton A.	July 12, 1953
2.	Medicine Hat	MacDonald, Colin David	July 17, 1953
2.	Medicine Hat	Beeton, Oswald	Aug. 18, 1953
2.	Medicine Hat	Allan, Thomas G.	Sept. 28, 1953
2.	Medicine Hat	Douglas, David J.	Oct. 9, 1953
3.	Alberta	Hewitt, Thos. Herbert	Mar. 18, 1953
4.	North Star	Harper, James George	Aug. 6, 1953
4.	North Star	Constantinescu, Vasil	Oct. 11, 1953
4.	North Star	Rood, Harvey Doane	Nov. 25, 1953
5.	Cascade	Fear, William Henry	June 17, 1953
5.	Cascade	Peterson, Thomas Peter	July 9, 1953
5.	Cascade	Stanley, Charles Henry	Sept. 12, 1953
6.	Spitzie	Foote, William	Nov. 2, 1953
7.	Edmonton	McLean, John Huntington	Jan. 13, 1953
7.	Edmonton	Bragg, George Thomas	Feb. 2, 1953
7.	Edmonton	Diekman, Ernest	Mar. 6, 1953
7.	Edmonton	McManus, Charles Edward	Mar. 8, 1953
7.	Edmonton	Croucher, Albert John	Aug. 14, 1953
7.	Edmonton	Pendleton, George	Oct. 15, 1953
7.	Edmonton	West, Archibald	Oct. 26, 1953
7.	Edmonton	MacGregor, James	Nov. 23, 1953
9.	Edmonton	Gray, Duncan	Dec. 12, 1953
9.	Perfection	Hood, William Thomas	Feb. 15, 1953
9.	Perfection	McDougall, James C.	Mar. 24, 1953
9.	Perfection	Allum, George Thomas	May 15, 1953
9.	Perfection	Morris, Charles T.	May 31, 1953

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
9.	Perfection	Hagerman, Robert Reid	Oct. 31, 1953
9.	Perfection	Weir, Frederick Dutton	Nov. 22, 1953
9.	Perfection	Grogan, Anthony Medlicott	Dec., 1953
9.	Perfection	Sutherland, David Mouat	Dec. 4, 1953
9.	Perfection	Bullough, John W.	Dec. 12, 1953
10.	Eureka	Craigie, William A. L.	Mar. 7, 1953
10.	Eureka	Mutch, Stanley Robert	Mar. 31, 1953
10.	Eureka	MacKenzie, William Donald	July 10, 1953
11.	Acacia	Douglas, Robert Blyth	Jan. 24, 1953
11.	Acacia	Stapells, Charles Smythe	Feb. 1, 1953
11.	Acacia	Knowles, William	Dec. 24, 1953
12.	Red Deer	Frost, George William	Feb. 26, 1953
12.	Red Deer	Cornett, Roy George	Aug. 20, 1953
14.	Jasper	McCall, Francis Stacey	July 25, 1953
14.	Jasper	Duncan, Angus Fraser	Nov. 11, 1953
14.	Jasper	Walker, William	Nov. 27, 1953
15.	Wetaskiwin	Hoare, Henry G.	Feb. 17, 1953
15.	Wetaskiwin	Braden, Hans O.	Sept. 10, 1953
16.	Mountain View	Hammer, George Edwin	April 30, 1953
16.	Mountain View	Willey, Harvey Jacob	Jan. 26, 1953
17.	Nanton	McMeekan, William	Feb. 17, 1953
17.	Nanton	Richardson, Walter	April 10, 1953
17.	Nanton	Edworthy, William Henry	May 4, 1953
17.	Nanton	Shoop, Ira W.	May 19, 1953
17.	Nanton	Haggbloom, C. G. E.	Aug. 18, 1953
17.	Nanton	Windsor, Henry	Sept. 21, 1953
18.	Britannia	McGillvray, L.	1953
18.	Britannia	Webber, Thomas	Oct. 17, 1953
19.	Cornerstone	Findlay, Gavin James	Jan. 11, 1953
19.	Cornerstone	Heseltine, Colin Francis	Jan. 6, 1953
19.	Cornerstone	Leman, Percy George	Sept. 14, 1953
20.	Carstairs	Cannon, James Edward	Jan. 17, 1953
21.	King Hiram	Harrison, Sommes	July 30, 1953
22.	Corinthian	Sargent, James	July 19, 1953
22.	Corinthian	Duncan, William John Morton	Oct. 17, 1953
23.	Calgary	Prudden, Earl H.	Mar. 1, 1953
23.	Calgary	Jackson, Niven Mowry	Mar. 16, 1953
23.	Calgary	Boyse, Albert Thomas	Aug. 19, 1953
23.	Calgary	Compton, Floyd Melvin	Oct. 31, 1953
23.	Calgary	Hurlbutt, George	Oct. 31, 1953
23.	Calgary	Bonn, Harry James	Dec. 3, 1953
24.	Vermilion	Stonehouse, George Franklin	Feb. 10, 1953
24.	Vermilion	Morrison, Hugh	Nov. 7, 1953
25.	St. John's	Rowman, James Henry	Mar. 24, 1953
26.	Sentinel	Walker, Morrison B.	May 1951
26.	Sentinel	Blanchard, Louis V.	Jan. 1953

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
26.	Sentinel	Mattson, Mathew	Mar. 28, 1953
27.	Apollo	Dunlap, William	April 3, 1953
27.	Apollo	Spencer, Arthur Blair	April 3, 1953
27.	Apollo	Clark, Duncan William	May 30, 1953
27.	Apollo	Stuckey, Victor Eugene	Jan. 18, 1953
27.	Apollo	Proctor, William Charles	Aug. 25, 1953
27.	Apollo	Berg, John Anton	Oct. 26, 1953
27.	Apollo	Friend, Walter L.	Nov. 4, 1953
28.	Ashlar	Brown, Gordon Robert	Mar. 16, 1953
28.	Ashlar	Leslie, John Cook	Feb. 18, 1953
28.	Ashlar	Ross, Gordon McLeod	April 24, 1953
28.	Ashlar	Thompson, George	May 23, 1953
28.	Ashlar	Allen, Gaius	Dec. 14, 1953
28.	Ashlar	Gusa, Lawrence George	Nov. 14, 1953
28.	Ashlar	Routley, Alfred Alexander	July 3, 1953
28.	Ashlar	Webster, Joseph Jermyn	Dec. 14, 1953
29.	Kenilworth	Skene, John	Mar. 14, 1953
29.	Kenilworth	Wright, David Matheson	April 18, 1953
29.	Kenilworth	Crossley, Harold	June 12, 1953
29.	Kenilworth	Coppock, Frank H.	Dec. 23, 1953
31.	Doric	Gidman, William	Jan. 28, 1953
31.	Doric	Wright, Robert	Aug. 26, 1953
34.	Star of the West	Wright, Robert Thomas	Feb. 20, 1953
35.	Mizpah	Paterson, Andrew Thompson	Mar. 2, 1953
35.	Mizpah	Attrill, Isaac Alfred	June 25, 1953
36.	Gleichen	Tower, Clifford Addison	Feb. 28, 1953
36.	Gleichen	Sanders, William	June 21, 1953
36.	Gleichen	Brown, David Alexander	Aug. 1953
37.	Camrose	Younge, James Adair	Nov. 8, 1953
38.	Hope	Torrance, Clarence George	July 5, 1953
39.	Lethbridge	Hutchison, Harry Rawson	Jan. 31, 1953
39.	Lethbridge	Enerson, Peter Oscar	Mar. 20, 1953
39.	Lethbridge	Spurgeon, Percival	July 7, 1953
39.	Lethbridge	Frayne, Arthur	Aug. 11, 1953
39.	Lethbridge	Godwin, Henry James Mills	Aug. 8, 1953
39.	Lethbridge	McCullough, George Alexander	Nov. 20, 1953
42.	Bowden	Adair, Samuel G.	Sept. 12, 1953
43.	Tuscan	Keely, John Albert	April 16, 1953
43.	Tuscan	Cyr, Anthony W.	Dec. 26, 1953
46.	Palestine	Morrison, Dan McAskill	June 19, 1953
46.	Palestine	Secord, James E.	Sept. 23, 1953
49.	Robert Burns	Frederick, Paul William Emil	Nov. 17, 1953
50.	Comet	Affleck, James W.	Jan. 14, 1953
50.	Comet	Wright, Robert Thomas	Feb. 1953
51.	Unity	Bainbridge, Wesley	Jan. 22, 1953
51.	Unity	Young, James	April 18, 1953

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
51.	Unity	Bell, Irving Russell	May 9, 1953
51.	Unity	McVicar, James Gordon	Aug. 4, 1953
51.	Unity	Summerill, Frederick J.	Sept. 25, 1953
51.	Unity	McVicar, Donald	Oct. 13, 1953
51.	Unity	Mason, John Alfred	Oct. 18, 1953
51.	Unity	Hulburd, Henry Arthur	Oct. 28, 1953
51.	Unity	Bateman, Robert Laurence	Nov. 10, 1953
51.	Unity	Kelly, Oliver Gauf	Nov. 19, 1953
51.	Unity	McLay, Frederick James	Nov. 22, 1953
51.	Unity	Watson, Dalton	Nov. 30, 1953
51.	Unity	Allen, William Charles	Dec. 19, 1953
53.	Strathmore	Wood, Henry	Aug. 3, 1953
54.	Mount Lebanon	Flumerfelt, Harry Lyman	Jan. 4, 1953
54.	Mount Lebanon	Cumbers, John Alexander	Mar. 24, 1953
54.	Mount Lebanon	Nicol, William Morrison	April 25, 1953
54.	Mount Lebanon	Murray, George Thomas	June 6, 1953
54.	Mount Lebanon	Klatt, August Gustave	June 6, 1953
54.	Mount Lebanon	Manolescu, Radu	June 6, 1953
54.	Mount Lebanon	Roberts, Harry Wareham	Aug. 17, 1953
54.	Mount Lebanon	Skilling, Samuel	Aug. 31, 1953
54.	Mount Lebanon	Nicholls, William Thomas	Dec. 30, 1953
55.	Bassano	Young, Alexander Irvine	Sept. 22, 1953
57.	Grassy Lake	James, George Edward	Feb. 17, 1953
59.	King George	Robinson, Thomas Beckton	May 26, 1953
59.	King George	Logan, Alexander C.	Nov. 11, 1953
61.	Provost	York, William Onus	Feb. 28, 1953
61.	Provost	Harford, Charles Frank	Aug. 22, 1953
62.	Melrose	Anderson, Robert Alfred	Nov. 13, 1953
63.	Empire	Christie, Robert	Jan. 16, 1953
63.	Empire	Askew, Samuel	Mar. 29, 1953
63.	Empire	Brown, John Leslie	May 18, 1953
63.	Empire	Noble, William Herbert	July 18, 1953
63.	Empire	Murdock, Robert Hutchinson	Aug. 17, 1953
64.	Bow Island	Rasmusson, John	April 1953
64.	Bow Island	King, Homer Atkins	May 11, 1953
65.	Diamond City	Bambling, John	June 22, 1953
66.	St. Andrew's	Evans, Richard	Nov. 12, 1953
67.	Charity	Bartlett, William Edward	April 1953
67.	Charity	Perry, James Richard	Feb. 24, 1953
67.	Charity	Peebles, John	July 4, 1953
68.	Edson	Boake, George Edward	Oct. 29, 1953
69.	Connaught	Reishus, Edwin Magus	Jan. 12, 1953
70.	Quarry	Learmonth, James Andrew	June 2, 1953
72.	Coronation	Northwood, Harry S.	Mar. 24, 1953
73.	Brooks	Smith, William John	Feb. 27, 1953
73.	Brooks	Flett, William	Dec. 30, 1953

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74.	Vulcan	Denbigh, Guy	Feb. 27, 1953
74.	Vulcan	McAfee, David	May 3, 1953
76.	Fidelity	Shaw, John Thomas	June 24, 1953
77.	Strathcona	Asbridge, James	Jan. 28, 1953
77.	Strathcona	Scott, Bertram Samuel	Feb. 10, 1953
77.	Strathcona	Rae, John	Feb. 13, 1953
77.	Strathcona	Ridge, Harold	Sept. 3, 1953
77.	Strathcona	Smith, John	Sept. 16, 1953
77.	Strathcona	Blucke, Charles H.	Nov. 1, 1953
78.	Hanna	Harvey, Arthur Lincoln	April 10, 1953
79.	Morning Star	Rowland, Clayton Peterson	Feb. 24, 1953
80.	Excelsior	Marfitt, C. Ernest	June 10, 1953
81.	Commercial	Hepburn, John Thomson	Jan. 30, 1953
81.	Commercial	Sinclair, Walter Henry George	May 13, 1953
81.	Commercial	Smith, William	Nov. 10, 1953
83.	Zetland	MacDonald, Malcolm	Dec. 31, 1953
83.	Zetland	Catharine, Alfred H.	May 11, 1953
84.	Champion	Clements, Richard Arthur	April 5, 1953
87.	Crescent	Edmonds, Samuel L.	Oct. 12, 1953
87.	Crescent	Burns, James T.	Nov. 30, 1953
89.	Peace River	Brown, James Blake	Oct. 28, 1953
90.	Norwood	Thomas, William Henry	Jan. 17, 1953
90.	Norwood	Airth, James Henry	June 5, 1953
91.	Patricia	Mawhinney, James	Dec. 23, 1953
91.	Patricia	LeLacheur, Silas James	Nov. 9, 1953
91.	Patricia	Woodhead, Joseph Ewart	July 8, 1953
92.	Saskatchewan	Hilton, William Henry	Jan. 9, 1953
92.	Saskatchewan	Hawks, William Craig	Feb. 26, 1953
92.	Saskatchewan	Leng, Alfred	Aug. 20, 1953
92.	Saskatchewan	Andrew, Paul Atha	Nov. 13, 1953
93.	Symbol	Bennett, Lionel Arthur	Aug. 7, 1953
93.	Symbol	Chambers, George H.	Aug. 7, 1953
93.	Symbol	Atkins, Henry B.	Sept. 17, 1953
93.	Symbol	McKee, Robert	Dec. 19, 1953
94.	Lamont	Harkins, James E.	Mar. 23, 1953
94.	Lamont	Crump, Edgar D.	Presumed Dead
95.	Kitchener	Hewitt, Clifford James	Oct. 14, 1953
96.	Dynamic	Edworthy, Samuel	June 2, 1953
98.	Hand Hill	Hoover, William Arthur	April 26, 1953
98.	Hand Hill	McKay, Angus G.	Nov. 29, 1953
101.	West Edmonton	Pinkston, Thomas Woods	May 3, 1953
101.	West Edmonton	Grassick, Alexander	July 12, 1953
101.	West Edmonton	Griffiths, Harold Albert	Sept. 7, 1953
104.	Oyen	Colston, Joseph	May 28, 1953
108.	Pyramid	Jaycock, Henry T.	April 1953

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
108.	Pyramid	Ward, John	May 20, 1953
114.	Westlock	Steele, Farmer H.	Sept. 14, 1953
114.	Westlock	Hunter, James E.	Aug. 11, 1953
114.	Westlock	Gilfillan, William	Nov. 21, 1953
115.	Crocus	Smith, Douglas Henry	July 1953
116.	Spirit River	McDonald, Angus	Aug. 14, 1953
117.	Dominion	Orchard, Sidney George	Mar. 7, 1953
117.	Dominion	Carter, Joseph	Oct. 22, 1953
117.	Dominion	Martin, George	Nov. 25, 1953
118.	St. Mark's	Harley, Herbert Henry	Jan. 31, 1953
119.	York	Herbert, Robert Embelton	May 20, 1953
119.	York	Fisher, Archibald Melville	Oct. 28, 1953
123.	Rockyford	Lawrence, Leslie	Jan. 19, 1953
123.	Rockyford	Frayn, Richard Stanley	Aug. 16, 1953
124.	Concord	Duce, Carlston Morgan	May 1953
124.	Concord	McLeod, Hugh	Aug. 14, 1953
124.	Concord	Booth, Arnold	Oct. 23, 1953
127.	Granite	ThurLOW, Eric Alfred O.	May 19, 1953
129.	Meridian	Robertson, Thomas	Feb. 4, 1953
133.	Manyberries	Hassard, James R.	Mar. 30, 1953
133.	Manyberries	Ingram, James W.	July 13, 1953
134.	Renfrew	Pollard, Harry Bowden	July 29, 1953
134.	Renfrew	Barroll, Robert Jenkin	Sept. 28, 1953
134.	Renfrew	Clarke, Gordon	Oct. 13, 1953
135.	Alliance	Wholey, James Augustus	June 20, 1953
135.	Alliance	Gibson, James Irvin	Dec. 19, 1953
136.	Cresset	Moir, Gilbert Bennet	June 5, 1953
137.	Irricana	Hare, William James	Feb. 5, 1953
137.	Irricana	Bain, Alexander	Aug. 27, 1953
138.	Onoway	Lyford, William Luther	Sept. 23, 1953
141.	Efficiency	Lawley, Arthur John	Sept. 24, 1953
142.	Ivanhoe	Wildman, John Henry	July 5, 1953
142.	Ivanhoe	Philp, Josephus Francis	July 7, 1953
142.	Ivanhoe	Woodhead, Joseph Ewart	July 8, 1953
142.	Ivanhoe	Porter, Webster Kelly	Oct. 14, 1953
142.	Ivanhoe	Walli, Emil John	Nov. 23, 1953
143.	Jasper Park	McConnell, Russel Daniel	Oct. 1953
145.	St. Alban's	Hain, Alfred Ashton	May 16, 1953
146.	Drumheller	Oliphant, Cyril	July 4, 1953
146.	Drumheller	Humphries, John Wilson	Nov. 3, 1953
146.	Drumheller	McGarry, Thomas Moore	Nov. 12, 1953
147.	Northland	McFadyen, Oscar J.	June 1, 1953
148.	Mayerthorpe	McMillan, William	Mar. 17, 1953
151.	Lochearn	Inglis, Archibald Ewing	Jan. 4, 1953

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
151.	Lochearn	Meyers, Conrad Mack, .	June 4, 1953
151.	Lochearn	Cameron, Frederick James	July 4, 1953
151.	Lochearn	Brockman, Alfred William	Aug. 2, 1953
151.	Lochearn	Bogie, Herbert Valentine	Oct. 3, 1953
154.	Waskatenau	Clark, Roy McKinley	June 3, 1953
156.	Hythe	Roberts, Thomas	Dec. 17, 1953
156.	Hythe	Stinson, William Allen	Sept. 20, 1953
158.	Berrycreek	Mooney, John McNabb	1953
162.	Yellowknife	Stuart, William Grey	May 8, 1953
162.	Yellowknife	Scramstad, Gordon Duffin	Nov. 17, 1953
166.	Evergreen	Allen, Clifton Anthony	Jan. 5, 1953
166.	Evergreen	Shaw, John Thomas	June 26, 1953
166.	Evergreen	Magistad, Lawrence	July 28, 1953
166.	Evergreen	Amos, Clifford Thomas	Oct. 13, 1953
167.	Temple	Rae, John	Feb. 13, 1953
169.	St. George's	Hain, Alfred Ashton	May 16, 1953



SUSPENSIONS—N.P.D.**December 31st, 1953**

No.	Lodge	Name
1.	Bow River	Ashford, Albert Alfred
1.	Bow River	Marshall, Ernest G.
2.	Medicine Hat	Agar, Fredrick Hall
2.	Medicine Hat	Davidson, James Robertson
2.	Medicine Hat	George, Howard W.
5.	Cascade	Louhela, Sule
6.	Spitzie	Hastings, James M.
6.	Spitzie	Newton, William Percival
6.	Spitzie	Rutherford, Jack Wilson
6.	Spitzie	Wellman, John Alfred
7.	Edmonton	Lambe, Gordon Craig
7.	Edmonton	Owens, William Graham
8.	Innisfail	Johnson, Stephen K.
9.	Perfection	Asselstine, George Oliver
9.	Perfection	Honeyman, Douglas Ramsay
9.	Perfection	Suffel, Charles E.
9.	Perfection	Ledlie, Grover E.
12.	Red Deer	Fisher, H. N.
12.	Red Deer	Krause, H. J.
12.	Red Deer	Leedham, J. W.
12.	Red Deer	Yuill, A. J.
18.	Britannia	Ausmus, Frank C.
18.	Britannia	Callahan, John
18.	Britannia	Patton, Gordon Oliver
18.	Britannia	Clarkson, Arthur Cyril
20.	Carstairs	Fredell, W. C.
21.	King Hiram	Gohrine, Henry
21.	King Hiram	Clarke, William Parker
24.	Vermilion	Wiebe, Walker Ronald
24.	Vermilion	Reikie, Edward Sinclair
25.	St. John's	Lowe, John
26.	Sentinel	Ironmonger, William
26.	Sentinel	McDonald, Earl Noble
26.	Sentinel	Rose, Walter
27.	Apollo	Rowse, William Cyril
34.	Star of the West	Angel, John Andrew
34.	Star of the West	Hull, Thomas
34.	Star of the West	Huston, Wm. Ewart
37.	Camrose	Burke, Elgin Holly
38.	Hope	Johnson, Clinton R.
38.	Hope	Thompson, Percy Chapman
39.	Lethbridge	McLaughlin, Harold Brinton
39.	Lethbridge	Biszill, William James
40.	Joppa	Thompson, Donald
41.	King Solomon	Powlesland, Bernard
42.	Bowden	Martin, William C. B.
43.	Tuscan	Murray, Grant
43.	Tuscan	Macdonald, Arthur B.

No.	Lodge	Name
45.	Ionic	Mann, Emmett Draper
46.	Palestine	Green, Howard F.
50.	Comet	Broughton, Chas. F.
50.	Comet	McNally, Tom
50.	Comet	Saville, Harry A.
53.	Strathmore	May, G. Ted
55.	Bassano	Hislop, Clifford
60.	Acme	Smith, Frederick Charles
62.	Melrose	Morrow, Harley E.
62.	Melrose	Schofield, William
62.	Melrose	Kirkpatrick, Ralph King
62.	Melrose	Kirkpatrick, Arthur Maxwell
63.	Empire	Drury, Gordon Stewart
67.	Charity	Phalen, Joseph Wade
67.	Charity	Harrison, Frederic Stumbil
68.	Edson	Horne, James
68.	Edson	Henderson, George Albert
68.	Edson	St. Dennis, Ernest
71.	Tawatinaw	Olson, Clarence Bernard
72.	Coronation	Clarke, Roland Edgar
74.	Vulcan	Southgate, Ernest E.
80.	Excelsior	Short, Cecil Charles
83.	Zeland	Kirk, Harry W. Gomez
87.	Crescent	Cauvin, Alfred Medric
87.	Crescent	Nutter, Charles Leland
88.	Wahpun	Eskdale, Robert E.
88.	Wahpun	Burns, George
89.	Peace River	Griffith, William Rupert
90.	Norwood	Patterson, David McNeill R.
90.	Norwood	Christie, Samuel Gordon
90.	Norwood	Middleton, John
90.	Norwood	Tyldesley, Albert
91.	Patricia	Rawlinson, Cyril H.
94.	Lamont	Handford, Arthur Gordon
94.	Lamont	Stewart, Duncan Russell
95.	Kitchener	Ausmus, Frank Claire
101.	West Edmonton	Du Pre, Cyril George
101.	West Edmonton	McCallum, James Boyd
102.	Edgerton	Archer, Calvin Dedrick
102.	Edgerton	Montgomery, Alexander Wm. Levi
107.	Carbon	Flaws, David James
108.	Pyramid	Maronda, Martin
108.	Pyramid	Carr, Edward
103.	Pyramid	Steeves, Ralph A.
108.	Pyramid	Hanna, Ashley R.
108.	Pyramid	Scott, Ray
108.	Pyramid	Howell, William E.
108.	Pyramid	Koester, Clarence G.
108.	Pyramid	Arrowsmith, George W.
114.	Westlock	Hull, George C.
114.	Westlock	Strutt, Raymond R.
117.	Dominion	Phillips, John Clinton Thomas

No.	Lodge	Name
117.	Dominion	MacLeod, Gordon Malcolm
117.	Dominion	Hepburn, Clarence R.
118.	St. Mark's	Shoquist, Albert
124.	Concord	Berlin, Byron Livingstone
124.	Concord	Christopher, Howard Reginald
124.	Concord	Sluman, Kenneth Albert
124.	Concord	Elliott, Robert
127.	Granite	Anderson, Emery
129.	Meridian	Jamieson, Stanley Earl
138.	Onoway	Breton, William Edward
141.	Efficiency	Sylte, Lars
143.	Jasper Park	Vidalin, David Olapur
147.	Northland	MacDonald, K. R.
147.	Northland	Tanzell, J.
147.	Northland	Ludeseber, G.
147.	Northland	Geover, E. C.
147.	Northland	Nelson, H. R.
147.	Northland	Watchorn, K. A.
147.	Northland	Watchorn, C. J.
147.	Northland	Tucker, G. S.
147.	Northland	Lenard, C. J.
157.	Sharon	Simbalist, P. Ralph
162.	Yellowknife	Forgie, John Douglas

SUSPENSION U. M. C.

1. Bow River Rosettis, Joseph Louis

RESTORATIONS

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No.	Lodge	Name	Date
6.	Spitzie	Geering, Walter Henry Andrew	Sept. 1953
7.	Edmonton	Marshall, Bruce Lake	Jan. 13, 1953
7.	Edmonton	Bruce, Charles	Feb. 10, 1953
8.	Innisfail	Sveinson, Cecil Edmund	May 21, 1953
8.	Innisfail	Freeman, Earl E.	July 3, 1953
8.	Innisfail	Hansen, Seifried Richard	Dec. 17, 1953
10.	Eureka	Kent, Endymion Richard	Feb. 12, 1953
14.	Jasper	Tamney, Dalton Denver	Mar. 9, 1953
17.	Nanton	McPherson, Phillip Angus	July 8, 1953
18.	Britannia	Stromquist, Bernard H.	Feb. 20, 1953
19.	Cornerstone	McKay, Donald P.	Feb. 19, 1953
19.	Cornerstone	Fletcher, Robert W.	Mar. 19, 1953
20.	Carstairs	McKay, Angus	May 10, 1953
20.	Carstairs	Roedler, John Henry Herman	Jan. 10, 1953
20.	Carstairs	Amm, Courtney	Oct. 8, 1953
20.	Carstairs	Sterling, Richard Morris	Oct. 8, 1953
22.	Corinthian	Campbell, Colin Alexander	July 7, 1953
23.	Calgary	Crawford, Thomas	Sept. 2, 1953
28.	Ashlar	Schultz, Walter K.	Sept. 10, 1953

No.	Lodge	Name	Date
29.	Kenilworth	Doran, Robert John	May 5, 1953
38.	Hope	Docherty, William S.	Oct. 12, 1953
38.	Hope	Densmore, William J.	Feb. 16, 1953
42.	Bowden	Burns, Charles Robert	Not reported.
43.	Tuscan	Llaght, Lorne	May 6, 1953
46.	Palestine	Carver, James, Jr.	Oct. 20, 1953
58.	Chief Mountain	Carson, Samuel	Mar. 17, 1953
58.	Chief Mountain	Robinson, Charles Bertram	Mar. 17, 1953
58.	Chief Mountain	Cairncross, George French	Feb. 17, 1953
59.	King George	McLean, George McKay	Sept. 25, 1953
59.	King George	Robinson, Thomas Bertie	Nov. 13, 1953
60.	Comet	Embury, Arthur	Jan. 8, 1953
61.	Provost	Beatty, Robert	June 17, 1953
68.	Edson	Horne, James	Sept. 3, 1953
72.	Coronation	Page, Gerald Davis	Nov. 12, 1953
77.	Strathcona	Hart, Herbert John Duncan	Feb. 13, 1953
78.	Hanna	Harris, Frank	Sept. 14, 1953
81.	Commercial	Smyth, John Earl	Mar. 7, 1953
81.	Commercial	MacDonald, James Reid	Mar. 7, 1953
91.	Patricia	Green, John Alex Murray	Feb. 20, 1953
100.	Century	Small, John Robert	Apr. 21, 1953
102.	Edgerton	Archer, Calvin Dedrick	July 7, 1953
104.	Oyen	Newington, Charles L.	Dec. 15, 1953
108.	Pyramid	Carr, William Edward	Dec. 31, 1953
111.	Nobleford	Huntrods, Harold	Apr. 19, 1953
111.	Nobleford	Luchia, LeRoy	May 12, 1953
114.	Westlock	Guest, William L.	Feb. 5, 1953
116.	Spirit River	Bodeker, Peter G. D.	July 1953
117.	Dominion	Green, William Thomas	Feb. 11, 1953
118.	St. Mark's	Mann, George H.	Sept. 14, 1953
127.	Granite	MacMillan, Harry	Dec. 2, 1953
131.	Kitscoty	Owen, Paul	June 23, 1953
143.	Jasper Park	Walton, Douglas Alfred Gerald	Jan. 31, 1953
148.	Mayerthorpe	Whitney, Bert John	Nov. 10, 1953
166.	Evergreen	Holland, Joseph	Feb. 5, 1953
166.	Evergreen	McLarren, Allan F.	Mar. 16, 1953

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1.	Bow River	E. W. Thomas	909 - 4th Ave. N.W., Calgary	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat	W. A. Noble	421 - 8th St. S.E., Medicine Hat	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta	Fred Storch	Fort Macleod	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star	E. Fauch	P.O. Box No. 402, Lethbridge	Second Friday in each month.
5.	Cascade	W. G. Robinson	P.O. Box No. 70, Banff	Second Thursday in each month.
6.	Spitzie	E. L. O'Neil	Picher Creek	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton	John S. Parker	14419 - 101st Ave, Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Innisfail	John J. Letcher	Innisfail	Third Thursday in each month.
9.	Perfection	John Begg	727 - 23rd Ave. N.W., Calgary	Third Tuesday in each month.
10.	Eureka	Gilbert Jackson	Lacombe	Second Thursday in each month.
11.	Acacia	K. W. McTavish	9844 - 84th Ave., Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
12.	Red Deer	W. J. Stephenson	5301 - 42A Ave., Red Deer	Second Tuesday in each month.
13.	Victoria	D. Mackie	Port Saskatchewan	Second Monday in each month.
14.	Jasper	A. Black	11129 - 65th St., Edmonton	Third Thursday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin	Harry G. Smith	Box No. 398, Wetaskiwin	First Monday in each month.
16.	Mountain View	Harold Ramsay	Box No. 363, Olds	Second Thursday in each month.
17.	Nanton	W. H. Allan	Box No. 57, Nanton	First Wednesday in each month.
18.	Britannia	Leslie G. Sitters	Prov. Mental Hospital, Ponoka	Third Thursday in each month.
19.	Cornerstone	W. T. Davis	High River	Second Tuesday in each month.
20.	Carstairs	O. G. Goodfellow	Carstairs	First Tuesday in each month.
21.	King Hiram	H. Morgan	Didbury	First Friday in each month.
22.	Corinthian	A. Collins	Black Diamond	First Tuesday in each month.
23.	Calgary	C. H. Westmore	113 - 8th St. N.W., Calgary	First Tuesday in each month.
24.	Vermilion	H. J. Payne	Vermilion	First Monday in each month.
25.	St. John's	John F. Leach	Vegreville	Second Thursday in each month.
26.	Sentinel	Fred Padgett	Bellevue	First Monday in each month.
27.	Apollo	H. Richardson	Stettler	Second Thursday in each month.
28.	Kenilworth	C. W. J. Blomfield	313 - 10A St. N.W., Calgary	First Tuesday in each month.
29.	Ashlar	G. W. Horn	3719 - 44th Ave., Red Deer	First Thursday in each month.
30.	Summit	H. Allen	Coleman	Second Tuesday in each month.
31.	Doric	Wesley Smith	Taber	Third Tuesday in each month.
32.	Calro	Clarence W. Carney	Clareholm	First Tuesday in each month.
33.	Stavely	A. C. Patterson	Stavely	First Tuesday in each month.
34.	Star of the West	J. G. Gylander	Leduc	Third Tuesday in each month.
35.	Mizpah	James Henderson	161 - 7th St., Medicine Hat	First Tuesday in each month.
36.	Gleichen	Rev. Wm. Morrison	Gleichen	Second Thursday in each month.
37.	Camrose	M. W. McDonnell	Camrose	Second Monday in each month.
38.	Hope	W. N. Crooks	Mannville	Third Thursday in each month.
39.	Lethbridge	Chris. Gibson	638 - 14th St. South, Lethbridge	Second Thursday in each month.
40.	Joppa	J. Anglin	Granum	Second Thursday in each month.

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* 41. King Solomon	S. Peverell	Cochrane	Third Thursday in each month.
* 42. Bowden	D. Murray	Bowden	Second Tuesday in each month.
* 43. Tuscan	W. G. Gair	Kilham	First Wednesday in each month.
* 44. Buffalo Park	W. L. MacKinnon	Wainwright	Second Thursday in each month.
* 45. Ionic	C. A. Thorp	Alix	Second Thursday in each month.
* 46. Palestine	J. Arkie Richardson	Torfield	Third Tuesday in each month.
* 47. Chinoak	H. Smyth	Cowley	Third Monday in each month.
* 48. Crossfield	K. C. Neil	Aldrie	Second Tuesday in each month.
* 49. Robert Burns	F. J. Whitmarsh	Cardmangay	Second Monday in each month.
* 50. Comet	R. E. Daw	Hardisty	Second Thursday in each month.
* 51. Unity	J. Booth	11212 - 68th Street, Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
* 52. Langdon	Charter surrendered June 9th, 1920.		
* 53. Strathmore	H. C. Willson	Strathmore	First Monday in each month.
* 54. Mount Lebanon	W. J. Harwood	820 - 19th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
* 55. Bassano	Andy Brown	Box 151, Bassano	Second Thursday in each month.
* 56. Beaver	T. A. Marshall	Castor	First Wednesday in each month.
* 57. Grassy Lake	Tom Helland	P.O. Box 41, Grassy Lake	Second Thursday in each month.
* 58. Chief Mountain	George T. Ady	Box 127, Carleton Place	Third Tuesday in each month.
* 59. King George	H. F. Whittred	1126 Kensington Road, Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
* 60. Acme	J. C. Smith	P.O. Box No. 171, Acme	Third Wednesday in each month.
* 61. Provost	Stuart J. Dodsworth	Provost	Thursday, on or before full moon.
* 62. Melrose	H. B. Stiff	Bawlf	Third Wednesday in each month.
* 63. Empire	T. Jones	11015 - 75th Street, Edmonton	Third Thursday in each month.
* 64. Bow Island	R. S. Beattie	Box No. 40, Bow Island	Third Monday in each month.
* 65. St. Andrews	W. T. Paterson	Trochu	Third Wednesday in each month.
* 66. Diamond City	Frank H. Fuller	Box No. 82, Edson	First Thursday in each month.
* 67. Charity	Albert Wright	1203 - 6th Ave. South, Lethbridge	Second Thursday in each month.
* 68. Connaught	John Thomson	Box No. 240, Redcliff	Third Monday in each month.
* 69. Quarry	L. C. McIntyre	Viking	First Thursday in each month.
* 70. Tawathaw	J. R. W. Cann	Box No. 82, Edson	Second Tuesday in each month.
* 71. Coronation	John Walli	Alhambra	First Tuesday in each month.
* 72. Brooks	M. R. Butterfield	Coronation	Second Wednesday in each month.
* 73. Vulcan	L. E. Newby	Brooks	Second Thursday in each month.
* 74. Harmony	D. D. McQueen	Vulcan	Third Tuesday in each month.
* 75. Fidelity	C. E. Blakeney	Sedgewick	First Tuesday in each month.
* 76. Strathcona	Stephen L. Read	Bismarck	Second Monday in each month.
* 77. Hanna	Peter J. Delicate	9927 Saskatchewan Dr., Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
* 78. Morning Star	Gordon Walsley	Draper 2, Hanna	Second Friday in each month.
* 79. Excelsior	D. T. Phinps	Loured	First Monday in each month.
* 80. Commercial	H. V. Phinps	Box 35, Strone	Third Thursday in each month.
* 81. Acadia	George Douchet	9328 - 72nd Ave., Edmonton	First Thursday in each month.
* 82. Zealand	Geo. McKee	Youngstown	First Saturday in each month.
* 83.	Geo. Cromie	206 Anderson Apts., Calgary	Tuesday, on or before full moon. First Thursday in each month.

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* 84.	Champion	John Steeves	Champion	Second Thursday in each month.
* 85.	Surfield	Charter surrendered October 1st, 1930.	Blainmore	Second Tuesday in each month.
* 86.	Rocky Mountain	A. R. Plant	1431 - 6A St., N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
87.	Crescent	C. E. Bloom	High Prairie	Second Thursday in each month.
88.	Wapuan	E. J. Becker	Peace River, Alta.	First Tuesday in each month.
89.	Peace River	T. A. Norris, Jr.	12224 - 94th St., Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
90.	Norwood	R. Barson	Box 491, Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
91.	Patricia	J. L. Mellish	12613 - 107 Ave., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan	George W. Emery	Box No. 800, Drumheller	Second Monday in each month.
* 93.	Symbol	H. W. Bryant	Lamont	First Tuesday in each month.
94.	Lamont	R. H. Shears	Rimney	First Wednesday in each month.
* 95.	Kitchener	W. A. Cotton	Holden	First Thursday in each month.
96.	Dynamic	Lars Olson	Chauvin	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
97.	Albion	Irving E. Neil	Della	Third Tuesday in each month.
98.	Hand Hill	J. H. Brunner	Milk River	First Wednesday in each month.
99.	Mount Mariah	Charter surrendered 1928.	7202 - 112th St., Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
100.	Century	H. McCallum	Edgerton	First Wednesday in each month.
101.	West Edmonton	R. T. Martins	Foremost	First Tuesday in each month.
102.	Edgerton	R. J. Snyder	Oyen	Second Thursday in each month.
* 103.	Foremost	G. O. Mehlin	P.O. Box 1, Grande Prairie	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
* 104.	Oyen	H. J. Hall	Wembley	Third Tuesday in each month.
105.	Grande Prairie	W. G. Given	Carbon	First Wednesday in each month.
106.	Lake Saskatoon	R. S. Young	2nd, 1953.	First Tuesday in each month.
107.	Carbon	W. A. Braisher	Lodge revived 1953 under No. 163.	Second Thursday in each month.
108.	Pyramid	Charter surrendered November	Nobleford	Second Tuesday in each month.
109.	Ancient Landmark	Charter surrendered May 16th, 1940.	Box 95, Three Hills	Third Wednesday in each month.
110.	Killwinning	Amalgamated with Hope No. 38, March 12th, 1951.	P.O. Box No. 5, Westlock	First Thursday in each month.
* 111.	Nobleford	M. J. Rice	Chunook	Wednesday, on or after full moon.
112.	Victory	Charter surrendered 1941.	Spirit River	Third Monday in each month.
113.	Cyprus	Wm. Harte	10124 - 120th St., Edmonton	Second Wednesday in each month.
* 114.	Westlock	W. J. McCullough	2601 - 15th St. W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
115.	Crocus	R. V. Lawrence	1252 - 8th Ave. South, Lethbridge	Second Monday in each month.
116.	Spirit River	R. H. Thompson	Consort	Fourth Monday in each month.
117.	Dominion	E. Foster	1st, 1945.	First Saturday in each month.
118.	St. Mark's	Herbert Boon	Rockyford	Third Monday in each month.
* 119.	York	T. H. Llewellyn	919 - 8th Ave. W., Calgary	First Monday in each month.
* 120.	Monitor	J. L. Walker	Louana	First Monday in each month.
121.	Clive	Charter surrendered January, 1935.	Sanguo	First Monday in each month.
122.	Rising Sun	Charter surrendered November		
123.	Rockyford	S. G. Frayn		
124.	Concord	V. J. McKay		
125.	Cavell	J. Y. Greenwood		
126.	Pembina	Robt. A. Conrad		

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*127.	Granite	Geo. Irvine Scott	First Wednesday in each month.
*128.	Forestburg	Wm. Smith, Jr.	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
129.	Meridian	Frank Krause	Second Wednesday in each month.
*130.	Hussar	H. V. Law	Second Monday in each month.
131.	Kitscoty	J. G. Inglis	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
132.	Craigmyle	A. Sheldstad	Second Tuesday in each month.
133.	Manyberries	William Burr	Third Thursday in each month.
134.	Renfrew	C. S. B. Lait	Second Monday in each month.
*135.	Alliance	Paul R. Elliott	Fourth Monday in each month.
136.	Cresset	Peter J. Asplund	Third Tuesday in each month.
137.	Irricana	N. J. Henriks	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onoway	Gordon R. Wilson	First Wednesday in each month.
139.	Melrose	Amalgamated with Coal No. 62	First Tuesday in each month.
*140.	Big Valley	Frank Dewar	First Monday in each month.
*141.	Efficiency	J. H. Cochrane	Third Tuesday in each month.
142.	Ivanhoe	W. L. Mitchell	Second Thursday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park	Harold M. Hamilton	Third Tuesday in each month.
144.	Gratton	E. H. Targett	Fourth Saturday in each month.
*145.	St. Alban's	W. G. Fuller	Fourth Saturday in each month.
146.	Drumheller	W. H. D. Anderson	Third Tuesday in each month.
147.	Northland	C. E. Eklund	Second Tuesday in each month.
148.	Mayerthorpe	Paul F. Buxton	Second Tuesday in each month.
149.	Rosebud	Charter surrendered January, 1941.	
150.	Donalda	Amalgamated with Apollo No. 27.	
*151.	Lochearn	E. M. Anderson	Second Thursday in each month.
152.	Standard	Axel J. Rasmussen	Third Monday in each month.
153.	Whitecourt	E. T. Jackman	First Thursday in each month.
154.	Waskatenau	H. Lunn	First Wednesday in each month.
155.	Earl Haig	Charter surrendered 1943.	
156.	Hythe	W. G. McClaffin	Last Thursday in each month.
*157.	Sharon	Nicholas Christ	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
158.	Perry Creek	John A. Lukey	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
159.	Lacerne	R. L. Higgins	First Tuesday in each month.
160.	Sexsmith	C. R. Brown	First Tuesday in each month.
161.	Empress	David Lush	Last Thursday in each month.
162.	Yellowknife	W. G. McGruther	First Wednesday in each month.
*163.	Ancient Landmark	Howard Conway	First Wednesday in each month.
164.	Gateway	Harold A. Chowne	First Thursday in each month.
165.	Canada	L. E. McKay	Second Thursday in each month.
166.	Evergreen	Robert D. Hansen	Second Wednesday in each month.
*167.	Temple	John S. Parker	First Monday in each month.
168.	Highlands	H. W. Lovell	Second Friday in each month.

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169. St. George's	Dr. F. G. Miller	Elk Point	Third Tuesday in each month.
170. Avon Glen	G. P. Puffer	10722 - 78th Ave., Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month.
171. Barrhead	Henry Laudenklos	Barrhead	Third Thursday in each month.
172. Milo	Walter Jorgenson	Milo	Second Thursday in each month.

* York Rite Lodges

TABULAR STATEMENT OF LODGES

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No.	Lodge	Dec. 31, 1952	Degrees			Affiliated	Reinstated	Decrease				Dec. 31, 1953	Increase	Decrease
			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimitted	N. P. D.	U. M. C.	Died			
1.	Bow River	242	15	14	14	2	..	1	2	1	8	247	5	..
2.	Medicine Hat	305	11	10	14	2	..	1	3	..	9	305	..	..
3.	Alberta	108	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	109	1	..
4.	North Star	214	13	13	11	2	..	1	..	..	3	225	11	..
5.	Cascade	178	2	2	2	1	..	..	1	..	3	177	..	1
6.	Spitzie	111	2	2	2	..	1	3	4	..	1	106	..	5
7.	Edmonton	384	15	10	10	2	2	6	..	..	9	388	4	..
8.	Innisfail	101	4	4	4	2	3	3	1	..	..	106	5	..
9.	Perfection	407	20	26	18	2	..	2	4	..	9	414	7	..
10.	Eureka	119	6	5	6	4	1	2	..	..	3	125	6	..
11.	Acacia	375	19	21	21	4	..	4	..	..	3	391	16	..
12.	Red Deer	147	7	7	7	2	..	2	4	..	2	148	1	..
13.	Victoria	59	6	7	7	1	..	1	..	..	..	65	6	..
14.	Jasper	150	8	9	9	1	1	..	3	..	3	154	4	..
15.	Wetaskiwin	122	1	2	2	1	..	5	..	..	2	117	..	5
16.	Mountain View	107	5	4	3	1	..	4	..	..	2	107	..	..
17.	Nanton	100	3	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	6	99	..	1
18.	*Britannia	100	3	4	4	5	1	6	4	..	2	97	..	3
19.	Cornerstone	159	5	6	6	1	2	1	..	..	3	163	4	..
20.	Carstairs	47	..	1	1	1	3	1	1	..	1	48	1	..
21.	King Hiram	88	4	4	4	1	..	3	2	..	1	87	..	1
22.	Corinthian	167	7	8	8	2	1	4	..	..	2	171	4	..
23.	Calgary	206	9	10	10	3	1	5	..	..	6	208	2	..
24.	Vermilion	153	6	8	3	..	..	2	..	2	2	155	2	..
25.	St. John's	100	7	7	7	4	..	2	2	..	1	106	6	..
26.	Sentinel	82	4	4	4	..	..	..	3	..	3	80	..	2
27.	Apollo	104	5	5	5	..	..	2	1	..	7	99	..	5
28.	Ashlar	171	14	14	14	1	1	..	..	..	8	179	8	..
29.	Kenilworth	129	6	5	5	4	1	..	..	..	4	136	7	..
30.	Summit	82	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	82	..	..
31.	Doric	90	3	4	4	..	..	1	..	..	2	90	..	..
32.	Cairo	105	4	4	4	2	..	1	..	..	..	110	5	..
33.	*Stavelly	58	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	..	..
34.	*Star of the West	76	1	1	2	..	..	3	3	..	1	70	..	6
35.	Mizpah	206	8	8	8	2	..	1	..	..	2	213	7	..
36.	*Gleichen	89	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	..	3	81	..	8
37.	Camrose	122	5	5	5	1	..	1	..	..	1	126	4	..
38.	Hope	88	4	4	4	..	2	..	2	..	1	91	3	..
39.	Lethbridge	222	11	11	11	4	..	3	2	..	6	226	4	..
40.	Joppa	41	9	9	6	..	..	2	1	..	..	47	6	..
41.	King Solomon	67	7	8	8	..	..	1	1	..	..	72	5	..
42.	Bowden	56	1	2	1	..	1	3	1	..	1	53	..	3
43.	Tuscan	50	2	2	2	1	1	..	2	..	2	50	..	..

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44.	Buffalo Park ..	88	6	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	95	7	..
45.	Ionic	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	35	..	1
46.	Palestine	58	3	3	3	3	1	2	1	..	2	60	2	..
47.	Chinook	30	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	31	1	..
48.	Crossfield	77	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	80	3	..
49.	Robert Burns ..	41	2	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	42	1	..
50.	Comet	56	3	5	5	..	1	3	3	..	2	52	..	4
51.	Unity	411	14	14	14	4	..	2	..	..	13	414	3	..
53.	Strathmore	143	12	16	12	..	..	..	1	..	1	153	10	..
54.	*Mount Lebanon	207	5	5	6	1	..	2	..	..	9	202	..	5
55.	Bassano	95	5	4	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	97	2	..
56.	Beaver	52	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	..	..
57.	Grassy Lake ..	55	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	56	1	..
58.	*Chief Mountain	61	1	1	1	1	3	1	..	..	..	65	4	..
59.	King George ..	319	12	12	12	2	2	7	..	..	2	326	7	..
60.	Acme	51	1	1	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	50	..	1
61.	Provost	59	4	4	4	..	1	..	..	..	2	62	3	..
62.	Melrose	70	4	6	4	..	..	..	4	..	1	69	..	1
63.	Empire	139	4	5	4	2	..	4	1	..	5	135	..	4
64.	Bow Island	63	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	64	1	..
65.	Diamond City ..	38	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	1	37	..	1
66.	St. Andrew's ..	76	2	3	7	2	..	..	..	..	1	79	3	..
67.	Charity	89	4	4	4	2	..	1	2	..	3	89	..	..
68.	Edson	211	9	9	9	3	1	3	3	..	1	217	6	..
69.	Connaught	59	3	3	3	1	..	2	..	..	1	60	1	..
70.	Quarry	41	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	41	..	..
71.	Tawatinaw ..	63	1	2	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	63	..	..
72.	Coronation	82	4	4	4	2	1	..	1	..	1	87	5	..
73.	Brooks	134	2	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	2	131	..	3
74.	Vulcan	93	10	10	10	4	..	4	1	..	2	100	7	..
75.	Harmony	46	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	1	..
76.	Fidelity	87	9	9	8	1	..	3	..	..	1	93	6	..
77.	Strathcona	204	15	14	11	3	1	1	..	..	6	216	12	..
78.	*Hanna	120	6	6	6	2	1	..	..	..	1	128	8	..
79.	Morning Star ..	46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	45	..	1
80.	Excelsior	28	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	27	..	1
81.	Commercial	233	18	20	20	4	2	2	..	..	3	252	19	..
82.	Acadia	49	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	..	..
83.	Zetland	262	12	10	9	8	..	1	..	..	2	279	17	..
84.	Champion	60	2	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	63	3	..
86.	Chief Mountain	79	7	7	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	85	6	..
87.	Crescent	280	11	10	11	6	..	1	2	..	2	292	12	..
88.	Wahpun	56	3	2	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	57	1	..

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89.	Peace River	120	11	15	13	1		2	1		1	128	8	
90.	Norwood	229	15	17	18	4		4	4		2	238	9	
91.	Patricia	225	10	11	8	3	1	1	1		3	234	9	
92.	Saskatchewan	168	9	8	14	1		2			4	172	4	
93.	Symbol	172	4		2	2		4			4	170		2
94.	*Lamont	59	4	5	5	1		4	2		2	56		3
95.	Kitchener	36	1	1	1	2		1	1		1	36		
96.	Dynamic	49	1	1	1						1	49		
97.	Albion	47		2	2			1				46		1
98.	Hand Hill	79	3	3	3			1			2	79		
100.	Century	103	5	5	6	5	1	1				113	10	
101.	West Edmonton	190	19	19	23	2			2		3	206	16	
102.	*Edgerton	46	2	1	1	1	1	1	2			47	1	
103.	Foremost	55	1	1	1			1				55		
104.	Oyen	82	5	6	6	1	1	1			1	87	5	
105.	*Grande Prairie	111	7	8	8			5				113	2	
106.	Lake Saskatoon	41				1						42	1	
107.	Carbon	73	12	17	15				1			84	11	
108.	Pyramid	29					1	17	8		1			25
111.	Nobleford	30	1	1			2					33	3	
113.	Cyprus	53				1		1				53		
114.	Westlock	113	3	3	2	1	1	11	2		3	102		11
115.	*Crocus	30	2	3	3						1	31	1	
116.	Spirit River	77	1	1	2	1	1	1			1	78	1	
117.	Dominion	181	12	16	11		1		3		3	188	7	
118.	St. Mark's	177	10	11	11		1	4	1		1	182	5	
119.	York	173	8	9	9	1		3			2	177	4	
120.	Monitor	49		2	2			1				48		1
123.	Rockyford	60	7	7	7	1		1			2	65	5	
124.	Concord	224	12	12	12	2		2	4		3	229	5	
125.	Cavell	55	2	1	1			5				52		3
126.	Pembina	38						1				37		1
127.	Granite	85	3	3	7		1	1	1		1	86	1	
128.	Forestburg	57	1	3	3	1		2				57		
129.	Meridian	77	1						1		1	76		1
130.	Hussar	59						1				58		1
131.	Kitscoty	57	2	3	3		1					60	3	
132.	Craigmyle	45		2	2			1				44		1
133.	Manyberries	43	4	4	4			1			2	44	1	
134.	Renfrew	225	25	25	24	2		3			3	246	21	
135.	*Alliance	46	1	2	2						2	45		1
136.	Cresset	41	2	2	2						1	42	1	
137.	Irricana	75	2	3	3	1		1			2	75		

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138.	Onoway	43	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	42	..	1
140.	Big Valley	69	3	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	73	4	..
141.	Efficiency	54	2	3	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	55	1	..
142.	Ivanhoe	230	6	6	6	1	..	4	..	..	5	228	..	2
143.	Jasper Park ..	135	3	4	4	1	1	2	1	..	1	136	1	..
144.	Gratton	39	1	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	38	..	1
145.	St. Alban's	75	1	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	1	75	..	..
146.	Drumheller	113	2	2	4	3	..	1	..	..	3	114	1	..
147.	Northland	93	5	8	6	1	..	5	9	..	1	84	..	9
148.	Mayerthorpe ..	45	6	6	5	..	1	..	..	..	1	51	6	..
151.	*Lochearn	100	4	5	10	..	..	..	..	..	5	99	..	1
152.	Standard	45	3	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	47	2	..
153.	Whitecourt	46	6	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	6	..
154.	Waskatenau	39	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	39	..	..
156.	Hythe	69	9	6	6	1	..	1	..	..	2	76	7	..
157.	*Sharon	45	2	2	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	47	2	..
158.	Berry Creek	46	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	46	..	..
159.	Lucerne	45	3	3	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	47	2	..
160.	*Sexsmith	51	7	4	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	56	5	..
161.	Empress	52	6	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	6	..
162.	*Yellowknife	87	7	7	7	1	..	2	1	..	2	90	3	..
163.	Ancient Landmark	41	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	2	..
164.	Gateway	57	3	2	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	63	6	..
165.	Canada	70	15	18	18	7	..	..	..	..	..	92	22	..
166.	Evergreen	53	8	5	6	4	2	1	..	..	3	63	10	..
167.	Temple	42	15	14	14	10	..	..	..	..	1	66	24	..
168.	Highlands	34	13	11	11	3	..	2	..	..	..	48	14	..
169.	St. George's	27	4	8	5	7	..	..	..	..	1	37	10	..
170.	Avon Glen	62	22	16	16	8	..	3	..	..	..	89	27	..
U.D.	Barrhead	17	5	5	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	23	6	..
U.D.	Milo	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..
		16552	843	883	869	216	54	249	124	1	279	17012	587	127

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North Dakota	R.W. Merle Kidder, Grand Forks	R.W. Bro. Chas. Reach, Fort Macleod
Norway	Bro. Chas. Hutchinson, Kirkevein, 114D., VII.	R.W. Bro. Hans Farvolden, Forestburg
Nova Scotia	M.W. Bro. The Hon. Geoffrey Stevens, Dartmouth	
Ohio	W. Bro. Herman N. George, Youngstown	M.W. Bro. H. E. Macdonald, Calgary
Oklahoma	R.W. Bro. Henry S. Johnston, Perry	R.W. Bro. Roy Anderson, Bowden
Oregon	R.W. Bro. Edwin L. York, Portland	R.W. Bro. Jas. Henderson, Medicine Hat
Panama	W. Bro. Carlos S. Morales	R.W. Bro. James McGhee, Calgary
Parabo (Brazil)	Bro. Orlando de Rego Luna, Joao Pessoa	V.W. Bro. G. B. Thoin, Edmonton
Pennsylvania		R.W. Bro. George W. Bureau, Calgary
Philippine Islands		
Prince Edward Island	W. Bro. George R. Brady, Charlottetown	R.W. Bro. Leslie J. Rosling, Calgary
Puerto Rico	Bro. Allen Roy Phillips	R.W. Bro. Perry Pratt, Lacombe
Quebec	R.W. Bro. C. W. Henry, Cowansville	R.W. Bro. D. Patterson, Calgary
Queensland	R.W. Bro. Fredk. Wm. Buckham, Brisbane	M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey, Edmonton
Rhode Island	W. Bro. Archer A. Gartner, E. Providence	R.W. Bro. W. H. Chappell, Blairmore
Rio de Janeiro	M.W. Bro. Daniel Correa Trindad	R.W. Bro. Chas. T. Schon, Brooks
Saskatchewan	R.W. Bro. A. A. Wilson, Regina	R.W. Bro. J. J. Petrie, Calgary
Scotland	Bro. James S. Williamson, Bathgate	M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, Red Deer
South Australia	R.W. Bro. L. D. Cowling, Adelaide	M.W. Bro. William Ireland, Calgary
South Carolina	R.W. Bro. George I. Whetsell, Orangeburg	R.W. Bro. Ronald Martland, Edmonton
South Dakota	W. Bro. Roland O. Coats, Hill City	R.W. Bro. Reg. F. Lawrence, Calgary
Sweden	V.W. Bro. G. O. Edstrom, Lasaretet, Lund.	R.W. Bro. Joseph Marsh, Medicine Hat
Switzerland (Alpina)	R.W. Bro. Charles Serex, Lausanne	M.W. Bro. W. A. Henry, Lacombe
Tasmania	V.W. Bro. A. H. Weedon, W. Tamer	V.W. Bro. Nicolas Christ, Picture Butte
Tennessee	W. Bro. Luther E. Davis, Springfield	R.W. Bro. Percy Cull, Lethbridge
Texas	Bro. Sam S. Wood, Waco, Texas	R.W. Bro. Dr. M. A. McIntyre, Edmonton
		M.W. Bro. H. P. Reid, Edmonton

Jurisdiction	From Grand Lodge of Alberta	To Grand Lodge of Alberta
Utah	W. Bro. Alex E. Eberhardt, Salt Lake City	R.W. Bro. Oliver C. Smith, Calgary
Venezuela	R.W. Bro. M. S. Frija, Caracas	R.W. Bro. W. C. Agar, Cereal
Vermont	W. Bro. Rev. Chas. S. Jones, Burlington	R.W. Bro. John Booth, Edmonton
Victoria	R.W. Bro. H. S. Smith, Melbourne	R.W. Bro. W. M. Peel, Calgary
Virginia	Bro. Archer B. Gay, Richmond	V.W. Bro. Malcolm J. Brodie, Edmonton
Washington	W. Bro. Archie W. Shiels, Bellingham	V.W. Bro. C. S. B. Lall, Calgary
Western Australia	W. Bro. Cambell A. Hendry, Claremont	R.W. Bro. T. B. Donald, Calgary
West Virginia	W. Bro. Galthier W. Miller, Charlestown	M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, Calgary
Wisconsin	Bro. Rufus R. Runke, Algoma	R.W. Bro. A. D. Currie, Calgary
Wyoming .....	.....	.....

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. G. Scott	Manitoba	1905
E. A. Braithwaite	Manitoba	1905
N. J. Lindsay	Alberta	1915
R. S. Thornton	Manitoba	1925
John Kain	Montana	1937
W. J. Dunlop	Canada in Ontario	1939
J. J. Henderson	Manitoba	1940
S. H. Fahrni	Manitoba	1942
C. P. Seeley	Saskatchewan	1942
Chas. Davidson	Montana	1943
Douglas Fraser	Saskatchewan	1943
J. C. Brown	British Columbia	1944
S. J. A. Brannion	Saskatchewan	1944
Charles E. Coe	Montana	1944
P. T. Pilkey	Manitoba	1945
J. C. Carter	Saskatchewan	1945
R. B. Dargavel	Canada in Ontario	1946
M. Donovan	Manitoba	1946
F. C. Hayes	Saskatchewan	1946
Charles S. Hamilton	Canada in Ontario	1947
K. K. Reid	British Columbia	1947
W. L. Klink	Saskatchewan	1947
George C. Derby	British Columbia	1947
W. C. McDonald	Manitoba	1948
Hector Mackay	Saskatchewan	1948
John Stormon	North Dakota	1948
Wm. H. Moor	Saskatchewan	1950
H. Coddington	Manitoba	1950
F. C. Wilson	Saskatchewan	1950
H. B. Donnelly	Manitoba	1951
Chas. E. Cole	Manitoba	1951
J. H. N. Morgan	British Columbia	1951
Gail Huhn	Washington	1951
H. F. Auld	Saskatchewan	1951
S. G. Davis	Idaho	1951
H. W. Poteat	North Carolina	1951
Percy Doles	Montana	1951
G. McMorran	Manitoba	1952
R. R. McEwen	Saskatchewan	1952
C. C. Cohagen	Montana	1952
Rt. Rev. G. R. Calvert	Manitoba	1953
Guy Hummel	Saskatchewan	1953
Laurence Healey	British Columbia	1954
Leroy E. Matson	Minnesota	1954
Dr. John R. C. Evans	Manitoba	1954
Thos. C. Jackson	Manitoba	1954
R. L. Hanbidge	Saskatchewan	1954
Robert A. Tate	Saskatchewan	1954

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

J. R. Yorke	Saskatchewan	1935
J. J. Henderson	Manitoba	1939
Robert A. Tate	Saskatchewan	1945
W. C. McDonald	Manitoba	1947
G. C. Hulett	North Dakota	1951
E. J. Franta	North Dakota	1952
John Graham	North Dakota	1953
W. A. Curran	British Columbia	1953

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDENS

G. H. Crane-Williams	Alberta	1941
P. T. Pilkey	Manitoba	1943
M. Donovan	Manitoba	1944
T. C. Jackson	Manitoba	1953
O. H. Nelson	British Columbia	1953

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS

R. G. Brett	Alberta	1926
Jas. N. Rankin	Alberta	1927
E. P. Withrow	Manitoba	1931
Luther Hauberg	Montana	1937
Robert A. Tate	Saskatchewan	1937
J. C. Bowen	Alberta	1940
David Patterson	Alberta	1943
Chas. S. Elliott	New Jersey	1947

PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN

John B. Hubbard	Illinois	1952
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PAST SENIOR GRAND DEACONS

R. J. Dawes	England	?
D. S. Fenton	British Columbia	1945
F. E. Van Demark	Montana	1951

PAST HONORARY GRAND RANK

J. H. G. Russell	Manitoba	1942
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PAST GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

Frank W. Parry	Southampton, England	1948
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PAST MASTER

L. O. Gould	New York	1944
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Officers of the Grand Lodge of Alberta

ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1905 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Treasurers	Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
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*J. J. Dunlop	Thos. McNabb	R. Patterson	R. Patterson	N. J. Lindsay	G. Macdonald, PGM	O. W. Kealy, PGM	Rev. W. R. George
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*R. Patterson	S. J. Blair	S. J. Blair	J. A. Jackson	N. J. Lindsay	G. Macdonald, PGM	W. M. Connacher	Rev. Canon Stocken
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*E. T. Bishop	E. T. Bishop	E. T. Bishop	W. M. Connacher	N. J. Lindsay	G. Macdonald, PGM	J. Elliott	Rev. Canon Stocken
*W. M. Connacher	W. M. Connacher	W. M. Connacher	H. Darling	S. Y. Taylor	G. Macdonald, PGM	J. H. W. S. Kemmis	Rev. Canon Stocken
*H. Darling	W. J. Botterill	H. Darling	*J. H. W. S. Kemmis	*T. Sharpe	G. Macdonald, PGM	F. R. Jelfs	Rev. Dr. G. W. Kerby
*J. H. W. S. Kemmis	*J. H. W. S. Kemmis	*J. H. W. S. Kemmis	J. W. Young	T. Sharpe	*S. Y. Taylor, PGM	S. T. Fawcett	Rev. Dr. G. W. Kerby
*F. S. Selwood	F. S. Selwood	F. S. Selwood	F. S. Selwood	T. Sharpe	S. Y. Taylor, PGM	T. Rankine	Rev. Dr. G. W. Kerby
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C. C. Hartman	A. West	A. West	Geo. Moore	W. J. Snaddon	J. H. W. S. Kemmis	A. D. Cumming	Dr. John Raper
A. West	Geo. Moore	Geo. Moore	S. Harris	A. J. Davis	J. H. W. S. Kemmis	F. Hand	Dr. John Thos. Hart
Geo. Moore	S. Harris	S. Harris	Geo. F. Ellis	A. J. Davis	J. H. W. S. Kemmis	J. Booth	Rev. D. D. Currie
S. Harris	Geo. F. Ellis	Geo. F. Ellis	F. P. Galbraith	A. J. Davis	J. H. W. S. Kemmis	J. S. Jeffery	E. V. Bergh
Geo. F. Ellis	F. P. Galbraith	F. P. Galbraith	R. J. Bradley	A. J. Davis	J. H. W. S. Kemmis	W. T. Coote	Rev. J. W. House
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Wm. Ireland	G. H. Crane-Williams	A. G. R. Bond	A. E. Ottewell	A. J. Davis	Geo. Moore, PGM	C. G. Purvis	Rev. J. W. House
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W. A. Henry	H. B. Macdonald	L. W. Bond	W. F. Empey	A. J. Davis	Geo. Moore, PGM	Geo. Crombie	*Rev. W. J. Whelen
H. B. Macdonald	LeRoy W. Bond	Waldo F. Empey	H. E. Howard	A. J. Davis	Geo. Moore, PGM	Fred J. Kavanagh	Rev. W. J. Whelen
LeRoy W. Bond	W. F. Empey	H. E. Howard	W. H. Jackson	A. J. Davis	Geo. Moore, PGM	E. W. Thomas	Rev. P. Dawson
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Rev. Peter Dawson	S. C. Heckbert	R. S. Sheppard	S. G. Bannan	L. J. Rosling	E. H. Rivers, P.G.R.	W. H. Harper	Rev. W. H. Morgan
						M. W. Robertson	Rev. H. A. Carnegie

*Deceased.

LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Douglas S. Bareham (1)

No. 1	Bow River	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade	Banff
No. 9	Perfection	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar	Calgary
No. 41	King Solomon	Cochrane
No. 59	King George	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Maurice J. S. Lloyd (57)

No. 2	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks	Brooks
No. 133	Manyberries	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Vernon R. Speare (143)

No. 7	Edmonton	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West	Leduc
No. 51	Unity	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson	Edson
No. 81	Commercial	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park	Jasper
No. 166	Evergreen	Edmonton
No. 167	Temple	Edmonton
No. 168	Highlands	Edmonton

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. G. Z. H. Van Haaften (20)

No. 8	Innisfail	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View	Olds
No. 18	Britannia	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden	Bowden
No. 95	Kitchener	Rimbey
No. 151	Lochearn	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Ernest J. Kirberg (141)

No. 37	Camrose	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan	Killam
No. 50	Comet	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost	Provost
No. 62	Melrose	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance	Alliance
No. 141	Efficiency	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Martin H. Wagner (17)

No. 17	Nanton	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone	High River
No. 22	Corinthian	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. William D. Hay (119)

No. 4	North Star	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge	Lethbridge
No. 58	Chief Mountain	Cardston
No. 65	Diamond City	Coalhurst
No. 67	Charity	Lethbridge
No. 100	Century	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost	Foremost
No. 119	York	Lethbridge
No. 157	Sharon	Picture Butte
No. 159	Lucerne	Vauxhall

DISTRICT No. 8

DD.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Elmer A. Harper (86)

No. 3	Alberta	.....	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie	.....	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel	.....	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit	.....	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook	.....	Cowley
No. 86	Rocky Mountain	.....	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. James Stuart Irving (56)

No. 27	Apollo	.....	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic	.....	Alix
No. 56	Beaver	.....	Castor
No. 72	Coronation	.....	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor	.....	Consort
No. 140	Big Valley	.....	Rumsey

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. John W. G. Morrison (24)

No. 11	Acacia	.....	Edmonton
No. 24	Vermilion	.....	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's	.....	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope	.....	Mannville
No. 63	Empire	.....	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood	.....	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty	.....	Kitscoty
No. 145	St. Alban's	.....	St. Paul
No. 169	St. George's	.....	Elk Point
No. 170	Avon Glen	.....	Edmonton

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Jack H. Thurber (127)

No. 49	Robert Burns	.....	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan	.....	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion	.....	Champion
No. 111	Nobleford	.....	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite	.....	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset	.....	Barons
U.D.	Milo	.....	Milo

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Arthur T. Potter (101)

No. 14	Jasper	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton	Edmonton
No. 126	Pembina	Sangudo
No. 138	Onoway	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt	Whitecourt

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Harry J. Murray (160)

No. 88	Wahpun	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe	Hythe
No. 160	Sexsmith	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Egbert C. Coultis (158)

No. 78	Hanna	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill	Delia
No. 104	Oyen	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek	Pollockville
No. 161	Empress	Empress

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. John P. English (125)

No. 60	Acme	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity	Bashaw
No. 113	Cyprus	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana	Irricana
No. 163	Ancient Landmark	Mirror

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Alfred Hoivik (107)

No. 93	Symbol	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller	Drumheller
No. 152	Standard	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. John Davidson (44)

No. 44	Buffalo Park	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic	Holden
No. 97	Albion	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton	Edgerton
No. 144	Gratton	Irma

DISTRICT No. 18

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. William J. Wood (48)

No. 23	Calgary	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen	Gleichen
No. 48	Crossfield	Crossfield
No. 53	Strathmore	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent	Calgary
No. 124	Concord	Calgary
No. 165	Canada	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 19

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Robert H. Shears (94)

No. 13	Victoria	Fort Saskatchewan
No. 71	Tawatinaw	Athabasca
No. 77	Strathcona	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont	Lamont
No. 114	Westlock	Westlock
No. 117	Dominion	Edmonton
No. 154	Waskatenau	Waskatenau
No. 164	Gateway	Edmonton
U.D.	Barrhead	Barrhead

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

No. 162	Yellowknife	Yellowknife, N.W.T.
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Grand Master's Representative — R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Garnett (142)

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

Approved by Grand Lodge

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1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the Accused?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.

2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?

Answer: The Constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause. Proceedings, 1916.

3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1916.

4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the Order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?

Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry. Proceedings, 1916.

5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.

6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?

Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be. Proceedings, 1916.

7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?

Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes. Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the Craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimit by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances. Proceedings, 1925.

15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.

16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the Constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the Constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken. Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?

Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our Constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degree in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.

18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?

Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.

19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?

Answer: No the lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.

20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?

Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.

21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.

22. Question: Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1929.

23. Question: Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?

Answer: No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action Proceedings, 1929

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

25. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.

26. Question: Re-notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

27. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without new notice of motion?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

28. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.

29. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

30. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

31. Question: Can an application be received from one who has been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, during the whole of which time he was taking post graduate courses, always with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he has not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant?

Answer: Yes. He has not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction, and having returned home to resume the practise of his profession, should not be regarded as having lost his standing as a resident. Proceedings, 1932.

32. Question: Is an honorary member, not previously a regular member of the lodge, entitled to vote in Lodge matters?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1933.

33. Question: Is a brother who is a Warden in one lodge and a member in another, eligible for the office of Master in the other lodge?

Answer: No. He could not hold the office of Master in both lodges at the same time. Proceedings, 1934.

34. Question: Can a lodge charge a candidate with a physical defect the fee charged by Grand Lodge for a dispensation in addition to the regular initiation fee?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.

35. Question: Can a lodge use a loose-leaf binder for the permanent record of the minutes in typewritten form?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1934.

36. Question: In the case of a number of lodges using the same lodge room, may the lodge charters be hung permanently in the lounge room adjoining the lodge room?

Answer: No. The charter must be present in the lodge room when the lodge is meeting. Proceedings, 1934.

37. Question: Can a lodge hall be dedicated to Masonry when it is used by other organizations for purposes other than Masonic?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.

38. Question: Would the acceptance of promissory notes by a lodge, on account of dues owing by members, entitle said members to up-to-date receipts?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1935. Such notes did not in themselves pay the debt and entitle the brethren to up-to-date receipts, and that only final settlement of the notes would entitle them to such receipts.

39. Question: Is it necessary that nominations should be submitted for the office of Master or other elective offices of the lodge?

Answer: No. The election of officers of a lodge shall be annually by ballot, whether nominations are made or not. Proceedings, 1936.

40. Question: Is it necessary that notice of motion be given to confer life membership for distinguished services rendered?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1936.

41. Question: On the re-election of a Master of a lodge, is it necessary that the ceremony of installation be conducted irrespective of he having already been installed?

Answer: Yes, but the Installed Master's work need not be repeated in full. Proceedings, 1936.

42. Question: Can a lodge receive and act upon a petition for initiation from an unmarried applicant living without the jurisdiction although his parents' home is located within the territory of the lodge?

Answer: No. Such applicant's residence was where he lived, worked and exercised his franchise. Proceedings, 1936.

43. In the case of a travelling salesman who had not lived continuously in one place long enough to qualify for membership, ruled that the place from which he worked and from which he received his regular mail should be considered as his place of residence, which was within the jurisdiction of the lodge. Proceedings, 1937.

44. Ruled in the case of an Entered Apprentice who had been initiated in the Canadian Working in this jurisdiction and removed to the United States before being passed, and who had no intention of returning to Alberta, that he could receive his second and third degrees, on the usual request being made, in a different Working. Proceedings, 1937.

45. Question: Can a temporary honorary membership be granted to an unaffiliated brother?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.

46. Ruled, that a lodge having paid the \$5.00 registration fee for an Honorary Member who hailed from another Grand Jurisdiction, but who resides within the jurisdiction of the lodge, is not required to pay semi-annual dues to Grand Lodge for such member. Proceedings, 1938.

47. A lodge having spread on its summons for a regular meeting a notice stating that no regular meetings be held in two consecutive months, it was ruled that such motion was not in order, the charter having stated the regular meetings of the lodge. (If a lodge fails to hold its regular monthly meeting it is simply a default.) Proceedings, 1938.

48. Question: Can a lodge by-law or otherwise fix the fee for initiation or affiliation to include the regular lodge dues for the current year, or one year from the date of membership?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1938.

49. Ruled, that a lodge could not give a discount on dues if paid before a certain date, without amending their By-laws to permit this. Proceedings, 1938.

50. A lodge cannot postpone or adjourn a meeting. Therefore it was ruled that a lodge in postponing its regular meeting to a subsequent date and calling it an adjourned meeting, transacting business which can only be done at a regular meeting was in error, and the business done at such meeting must be confirmed at the next regular meeting and the minutes of the previous regular meeting again read and confirmed. Proceedings, 1939.

51. Question: Can the suspension of a member be cancelled from the records on his reinstatement?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.

52. Ruled, that a regular meeting of a lodge at which none of the principal officers were present was irregular and any business transacted was null and void, the business done to be reintroduced and dealt with at the next regular meeting.

53. Ruled, that a candidate for initiation who by the nature of his employment was absent from his home for six months of the twelve preceding his application, should be regarded as a resident where his established home was situated and the lodge could receive his application. Proceedings, 1939.

54. Question: Can a lodge join, as such, a Masonic Association in another Grand Jurisdiction, over which the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Alberta has no authority?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.

55. Question: In the case of a brother applying for life membership whose membership had been broken by suspension N.P.D., can the payment of an amount equal to dues for the period of his suspension, cancel the fact that his continuous membership had been broken?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1940.

56. In the case of two officers serving in England, residents of Alberta, who desired to make application to an Alberta lodge near their home, it was ruled that a lodge could not receive and act on petitions for membership of applicants whose homes were in Alberta but who were stationed in England. Proceedings, 1941.

57. That members of the Armed Forces who hail from other Jurisdictions, regardless of whether they comply with the twelve months residence clause, have no legal residence status in our Jurisdiction. They are still domiciled in the Jurisdiction from which they hail. And no application shall be received except by permission of the Grand Master when waivers must be obtained from their home Jurisdiction and after residence clause has been strictly adhered to.

58. Question: Is it proper for the Worshipful Master to cast one ballot for an elective office on a motion moved and seconded and passed by the Lodge?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1943.

59. Question: Is the Collective Ballot permissible, that is, One Ballot taken for a number of Candidates?

Answer: No. An Individual Ballot must be taken on each Candidate — where several Ballot boxes are used with the name of the applicant plainly marked on each box — this is considered an Individual Ballot. Proceedings — 1949.

RULES FOR RECOGNITION OF ANOTHER GRAND BODY

By the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada.

Fraternal recognition of a Grand Body may be granted when it appears to the Committee on Foreign Relations that recognition should be granted and the recommendation of the Committee has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in Annual Communication.

The finding and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be based on the following prerequisites:

That the Grand Body seeking recognition:

1. Shall have been lawfully established by three or more regularly constituted lodges, by this Grand Lodge, or by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge.
2. Shall have sovereign territorial jurisdiction or if territorial jurisdiction be shared with another Body or Bodies then by mutual consent and prohibition or encroachment of occupied territory.
3. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in the Supreme Being, God the G.A.O.T.U.
4. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in life hereafter.
5. Shall require the open V.O.T.S.L. to be indispensably present in the lodge while at work. By the V.O.T.S.L. is meant the revelation from beyond which is binding on the particular individual who is being initiated.
6. Shall make Masons of men only.
7. Shall accept as fundamental:
 - (a) Secrecy.
 - (b) The division of Craft or Symbolic Masonry into the three accepted degree of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.
 - (c) The Legend of the Third Degree.
 - (d) The Symbolism of the operative art.
8. Shall accept as its dominant purposes the practice of benevolence, charity and education.
9. Shall strictly prohibit controversial political and sectarian religious discussions within its lodges.
10. Shall adhere in practice and principle to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft.

Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence

Your Committee again has the pleasure of submitting the Reviews of the Proceedings of those Grand Lodges kind enough to furnish us with copies. The members have had many hours of most interesting reading and it is sincerely hoped that these Reviews will bring to the reader a picture of Freemasonry in the various Jurisdictions.

In obtaining the services of several members there is found a different approach to the various items of interest that are culled from each volume and it is hoped that in this way the Reviews will reach, and interest, a wider field.

Increase in membership is again a predominant factor in nearly all Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, but, as was reported last year, much serious thought is being given to the subject of education and the desire to make sure that the new member has grasped the basic principles of our Order. We find that in many Grand Jurisdictions the Grand Lecturer is busy visiting the Lodges in his district, in others educational pamphlets have been issued from the Grand Lodge office, whilst several others have adopted a plan of presenting the newly initiated Brother with a selected volume for his close study.

We find, too, that several Grand Jurisdictions are much concerned with the desire of newly initiated members to get to the 'higher' degrees as quickly as possible, merely using the first three degrees as a stepping stone. We are happy to see that this important matter is receiving attention.

To those who find the Reviews especially interesting it is suggested that they borrow the Proceedings themselves from the Grand Lodge Library for a closer study. They are available on application.

Our thanks to the many Grand Lodges who have sent us their Proceedings, they are much appreciated. They are retained in our Library at Calgary — if there are two copies one is sent to the Library at Edmonton — and are the source of a great deal of most interesting information.

Our thanks, too, to the following brethren who have written the Reviews:

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris; M.W. Bro. Dr. W. A. Henry; R.W. Bro. L. D. Nicoll; R.W. Bro. G. Cromie; R. W. Bro. C. T. Schon; R.W. Bro. F. J. Kavanagh; R.W. Bro. L. J. Rosling; R.W. Bro. W. A. Braisher;

R.W. Bro. T A. Marshall; R.W. Bro. W. Noble; R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers;
R.W. Bro. R. F. Lawrence; V.W. Bro. G. B. Thorn; V.W. Bro. J. M.
Smart; V.W. Bro. M. J. Brodie; V.W. Bro. C. S. B. Lait; W. Bro.
R. R. Annett; W. Bro. S. P. Bird; W. Bro. E. G. Ellerton; W. Bro. T.
B. Donald; W. Bro. C. P. Blacklee; W. Bro. Wes H. Jackson; Bro.
S. F. Wright.

, Fraternally submitted,

WM. IRELAND, Chairman.

ALABAMA — 1952

The One Hundred and Thirty-Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple, Montgomery, on November 18th, 1952 with M.W. Bro. Lipsey Legg presiding.

The address of the M.W. Grand Master was very complete and evidence of a very busy year as Grand Master. It deals fully with the Masonic Home, Washington Conference and many visits to lodges in his own Grand Jurisdiction, also acknowledging the many substantial donations for the Masonic Home received during the year.

In his recommendations to Grand Lodge the Grand Master recommended that the Grand Lodge affiliate with the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, as a means of keeping constantly in touch with Ex-Masons who are using our lodges for soliciting aid illegally as well as the good work this Association is doing with free investigation of relief cases for each Grand Jurisdiction when requested.

Upon his paying a visit to Mrs. Alta Holmberg of Ensley, a donation of \$1,500.00 was made by her to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund in memory of her late husband, Bro. Adar William Holmberg of Calgary, Alberta and Ensley Alabama, who had been an active member of Fairfield Lodge, No. 749, also in memory of his late brothers Fred of Bawlf, Alberta and Hartwig of Hardisty, Alberta.

The Committee on Foreign Relations received a request for recognition from the National Grand Lodge of France, recognition being extended. A similar request by the Grand Lodge of Italy was recommended held in abeyance for further study.

Dispensations were granted for two new lodges at Frankville and Rose Hill.

The Masonic Home has assets of \$1,060,874.98 of which nearly one half represents the value of land, dwellings, buildings and equipment. Of the residents there are a total of 109 including men, women, boys and girls of all ages. The Order of the Eastern Star has been very helpful in the maintenance of the Alabama Masonic Home.

The Grand Orator R.W. Bro. Robert Sapp gave an inspiring address which outlined the condition of the world today and stressed an urgent need for a more united world and a stronger Brotherhood among all men.

Chartered Lodges 426. Membership 66,356. Gain 2,100.

Grand Master M.W. Bro. Joseph S. Southall.

Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. Chas. H. Stubinger.

S. F. W.

REPORT OF THE

ARGENTINA — 1953

Grand Master M.W. Bro. Domingo R. Sanfeliu.

Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. Alcibiades Lappas.

56 Lodges with two U.D. and five Lodges of Instruction.

Fraternal recognition was established between the Grand Lodge of Argentina and the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1953. The Grand Lodge of Argentina has been operating uninterruptedly for 95 years. In his message the Grand Master refers to the useful work done for the good of the country and the Grand Principles of the Order.

The Proceedings received are a brief summary of the work that has been translated into English, as of course the language of the Argentine is Spanish. The Grand Master states that they are endeavoring to gain a closer liason with all other Grand Jurisdictions in the world. We are happy to have had Fraternal Recognition established and trust that it may continue for many long years to come.

The Grand Master delegated M.W. Bro. Fabian Onsari, who was elected Grand Master at this Communication, to represent him and the Masons of Argentine at the Grand Masters Conference at Washington and speaks appreciatively of the reception he was accorded. An address given by M.W. Bro. Onsari at that meeting is reprinted in full in this booklet. It is difficult for us to realize the difficulties under which Freemasons work in the Argentine, and some other countries.

The Grand Master visited all the Lodges in his jurisdiction and whilst the total membership is not given it is noted that there was an increase of 398 during the year.

E. H. R.

ARIZONA — 1953

M.W. Brother Seymour C. Pierce -- Grand Master.

V.W. Brother Joseph A. E. Ivey — Grand Secretary.

46 Lodges with 9,400 Members — Increase 356.

The Seventy-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona F. & A.M. was held at Prescott, April 27th-28th, 1953. Two Special Communications for the purpose of granting Dispensation and one Emergent Communication to conduct funeral services for Past Grand Master M. L. Gibbons had been held during the year.

At the Annual Communication all Lodges but one were represented, sixteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance. Alberta's Representative was present.

The Grand Master, in his Address, reported he had visited all the subordinate Lodges but one, where a suitable date could not be arranged. He also travelled from ocean to ocean and to Canada and Mexico. He ruled that an Arizona Lodge could not waive jurisdiction on a candidate to a Foreign Jurisdiction.

Two new Charters were granted to the Lodges working under Dispensation.

Eleven Fifty Year Awards were presented.

The Masonic History Committee reported difficulties in making headway and apparent lack of interest. They recommended that each Lodge publish its own history instead of a comprehensive one for the Jurisdiction.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Israel and the United Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Germany.

M.W. Brother Franklin E. Brown was elected as Grand Master and installed into Office.

E. H. R.

BRITISH COLUMBIA — 1953

Grand Master M.W. Brother Laurence Healey.

Grand Master Elected M.W. Bro. Wm. A. Curran.

Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. J. H. N. Morgan, P.G.M., Vancouver.

Lodges 135. Members 21,376. Gain 928.

Grand Representatives to British Columbia for Alberta, W. Bro. D. Munro.

Grand Representative in Alberta for British Columbia, M.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis, P.G.M.

The Eighty-Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was held in the City of Penticton on the 18th and 19th days of June, 1953. The Communication was held in the High School Auditorium, an ideal place for a large assembly.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, M.W. Brother Laurence Healey.

Several distinguished visitors were present and received by the M.W. Grand Master: — R.W. Brother William Murray, Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Perthshire, Scotland; M.W. Brother Noel M. Leavitt, Grand Master of Idaho; M.W. Bro. Gail Huhn, Past Grand Master, Washington and M.W. Brother George Moore, P.G.M., Grand Secretary and M.W. Brother Sam Harris, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Credential Committee reported that 132 of the 135 lodges were represented at Grand Lodge, a remarkable attendance rarely equalled in any other Grand Jurisdiction. The representatives were entitled to cast 685 votes, there were 117 visitors present.

Two Emergent Communications of Grand Lodge were held during the year, one on July 22nd, 1952 for the purpose of Consecrating and Constituting Dunbar Lodge, No. 145 in Vancouver and the other for the purpose of Consecrating and Constituting Friendship Lodge, No. 144 in Trail, B.C. on September 30th, 1952.

The address of the Grand Master was complete and timely, he reported that six new lodges were Instituted and with the four lodges Instituted last year now made a total of 145 lodges in the Province. The Grand Master by careful planning made an official visit to every lodge in the Jurisdiction travelling more than 455,000 miles. He also made several visitations to other Grand Jurisdictions. The Grand Master was fortunate in that he was not called upon for any rulings during his term of office, this indicates that all is well with Freemasonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of British Columbia. The Grand Master issued a letter of guidance to the District Deputy Grand Masters, this letter was instructive and appreciated, so much so, it was considered wise to have the same printed and distributed to the District Deputy Grand Masters in the future. The Grand Master also recommended that consideration be given to the appointment of a qualified brother as Deputy Grand Secretary. The Committee on the Grand Master's address heartily congratulated him on the diligence, enthusiasm and zeal with which he discharged his duties and responsibilities of his office.

Six lodges were granted their charters and no less than 128 brethren received their Fifty-Year Buttons, a remarkable number, British Columbia appears to be a good place in which to live a long life.

A large number of Dispensations were granted, chiefly to permit attendance at Divine Service, it does not state whether or not to wear regalia. The Proceedings contain an excellent Review of other Grand Lodges.

M.W. Brother Healey concludes his splendid address with the following verse:—

"We go this way but once oh heart of mine,
So why not make the journey well worth while,
Giving to those who travel on with us
A helping hand, a world of cheer, a smile.

We go this way but once, Ah, never more
Can we go back along the selfsame way,
To get more out of life, undo the wrong,
To speak Love's words we knew but did not say.

We go this way but once then let us make
The Road we travel blossomly and sweet,
With helpful kindly deeds and tender words,
Smoothing the path for bruised and stumbling feet."

The Eighty-Third Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Victoria, B.C. commencing on June 17th, 1954.

S. H.

CALIFORNIA — 1952

The One Hundred and Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California, A.F. & A.M. opened in the City of San Francisco October 13th, 1952 with Most Wor. Bro. Louis C. Drapeau, Grand Master, presiding. A gain of 5,332 in membership was reported bringing the total to 207,832. The Committee on Credentials reported that of 611 chartered lodges 590 lodges were represented and that all six of the lodges under dispensation also were represented. Total registration was 2,035.

The Grand Master, in his address, records a number of outstanding achievements. Eleven new temples were dedicated. An interesting trend too in the building of Temples is that they all were on one floor. They are not two storey buildings. The Grand Master attended seventy receptions throughout the State, twenty-four dinners, a dozen barbecues including a Grand Hawaiian luau on the Island of Hawaii. Mileage travelled, 47,270.

The Grand Master gave a large number of recommendations and rulings.

The Grand Orator, Wor. Bro. Ralph C. Hine, delivered a very fine address entitled "A Time for Vision" elaborating on the GREAT CORNER STONES, viz.:

That those who govern should receive their just powers with the consent of the governed.

That all men have the right to worship God in accordance with the dictates of their own conscience.

That free public education is a prime necessity for a people who are to remain free and equal.

This splendid talk ended with this challenge, the words of our own Brother Edwin Markham:

There is a stone that is needed for the wall,
A marble to strengthen the beauty of all.
Only your soul has the magic to give it grace,
Only your hands the cunning to put it in place.

Yes, the task that is given to all, no other can do,
So the errand is waiting, it has waited centuries for you;
Now you appear, and the hushed ones are turning their gaze
To see what you do with your chance in the chamber of days.

The avenues of this Grand Lodge are numerous and varied. Satisfactory and continued progress registered from all their exertions. Lodge, community and welfare also monetary results.

The 1952 Proceedings is a document of 585 pages and reveals a great fund of information.

We notice that some of the Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction charge as high as \$350.00 for a life membership.

An excellent address on "The House of Life" by the Grand Chaplain Very Rev. Thomas Grice. He very aptly dealt with the different floors in a house.

Quoting the poet John Ruskin he said "the soul is a temple more majestic than a cathedral, principles are foundation stones, habits are pillars, every thought drives a nail, every act girds or weakens a timber, every high resolve lends beauty and every ignoble thought and act defaces or mars."

Another very fine address was given by Wor. Bro. W. Lee Anderson, Past Master of Hollywood Lodge, No. 535, his topic being "George Washington and Masonry."

In this Grand Jurisdiction initiation fees run as high as \$175.00, affiliation as high as \$50.00 and yearly dues as high as \$18.00.

The Grand Master dealt with over size lodges, pointing out that there are in California one hundred and twenty-eight lodges with upwards of 500, eighteen with upwards of 800, fourteen with upwards of 900, ten with upwards of 1,000, four with upwards of 1,100 and one with upwards of 1,200.

Very valuable information is contained in the addenda on pages 519 to 569 the reading of which will prove an ample reward to the searchers of light and knowledge.

E. G. E.

CALIFORNIA — 1953

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California, A.F. & A.M. opened in the City of San Francisco October 12th, 1953 with Most Wor. Bro. Arthur M. Warren, Grand Master, presiding.

A very inspiring address by Bro. Very Rev. Adam B. Morton, Grand Chaplain entitled "The Requirements of God" marked the opening of the sessions.

The Committee on Credentials reported that of the 615 chartered lodges five hundred and ninety-nine were represented, that thirteen of the lodges under dispensation also were in attendance. Total registration was 2,161. A gain of 5,807 was reported bringing the total to 213,639. The gain in membership is about 10% greater than that of the previous year.

The Grand Master approved resolutions of a number of lodges increasing the life membership fees, two of these being raised to \$500.00.

Nearly seven pages in the Proceedings were required to list the names of those who were entitled to fifty year buttons.

The Grand Master reports that he had 139 official meetings with a combined total attendance of over 53,000. He had travelled 27,000

miles by air, 15,000 by car and 800 by rail. He attended six Centennial celebrations within the State. He attended the laying of four corner stones, and had sent a **deputy to another.**

A telegram of congratulations and best wishes was sent to Most Wor. Bro. Earl Warren, Past Grand Master, on his appointment as Chief Justice of the United States.

Among the praiseworthy acts of benevolence were donations of \$10,000.00 to Tehachipi Lodge No. 313 and to Maricopa Lodge No. 434 to assist them in re-building their temples after the earthquake. Upon receipt of the new flood devastations, the Grand Secretary despatched cables to the United Grand Lodge of England and also to the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands offering assistance. Our brethren in England gratefully acknowledged our offer but declined to accept assistance. The Brethren in the Netherlands, however, were not situated as fortunately and expressed their need for help. After consultation with the Executive Grand Officers and Chairman of the Finance Committee, I approved the contribution of \$2,500.00 for the relief of the Lodges and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands.

One of the memorable events in the Grand Master's year was his official visit to the Islands of Hawaii where eight lodges were visited. On his stay he has this to state: "From the time Mrs. Warren, myself and our daughter Barbara arrived we were constantly in the hands of friends who did their utmost to make our stay pleasant and comfortable."

The Grand Master's report makes very exhilarating and enthusiastic reading.

A thought compelling address was delivered by Wor. Bro. Loys T. Newton, Grand Orator. The concluding paragraphs are worthy of our meditation and heed.

"The lamp of freedom burned dimly in some of the Grecian states about 500 B.C., the days of the great philosophers, but it was extinguished and destroyed by the tyrants of the Grecian and Roman Empires. Darkness then prevailed for over a thousand years principally because men were held in spiritual and material bondage through an unholy alliance of church and state.

The lamp of liberty, the light from the "truth" was lighted again in the 13th century in the British Isles. It came to us through the men who learned it there, and here it has grown until its light illumines the world. It is a priceless heritage: and in a closing paragraph, I like to describe it thus:

From the knowledge acquired of the "truth" in the ages past, we live in freedom in the present: and in living as free men in the present, we build for the future and for generations as yet unborn.

It is a sacred heritage given by God to man.

In this day and age it is ours, but only so long as we have the will and courage to defend and retain it.

Its destiny is in our hands. Let it not be written on the pages of history that this priceless gift from our Heavenly Father to his children, and which means so much to us and to the ages yet to come, was abridged or destroyed in our time."

Very useful information is contained in the Record of Special Committee on Publications.

The Report Committee on Correspondence is omitted from the Proceedings this year. Separate copies have been mailed to each Lodge and to each Jurisdiction.

To those who read, perusively and studiously, the Proceedings, there will come an immense amount of Light and Knowledge and it is very plain that the varied reports must have been formulated and prepared with care and forethought.

Most Wor. Bro. Frank Hartwell Jr. was installed as Grand Master, 1953-1954 and will preside at the One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication at the City of San Francisco in October, 1954.

E. G. E.

CANADA IN ONTARIO — 1953

M.W. Bro. Nelson C. Hart, Grand Master, presided over his Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication held in the City of Toronto, on Wednesday, July 15th, 1953 with a large representation of the Brethren and many distinguished visitors from British Columbia, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Nova Scotia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Quebec, South Carolina, and Virginia, all of whom were extended a very cordial welcome.

The first piece of business attended to was a resolution regarding M.W. Bro. Roderick Bernard Dargavel, P.G.M., who passed away in September, 1952, presented by M.W. Bro. Frank A. Copus, in which he expressed the great loss sustained by this Grand Lodge in the passing of this beloved brother.

M.W. Bro. Dargavel was an honorary P.G.M. of Alberta and his visits to our Grand Lodge will always remain as cherished memories, for he never came among us without some worthwhile message. To have known him was to love him, his fellowship was a privilege and a joy, and we of Alberta join with our brethren of Ontario in expressing our great sorrow in the passing of M.W. Bro. Dargavel. The tribute paid his memory in the Proceedings for 1953 gives some little indication of this great giant of Freemasonry.

Grand Master Hart in his Address on completion of his term of office endeavours to present a picture of world conditions as he sees them, and in part tells us: "The peoples of the world are slowly learning that the spirit of 'live and let live' must prevail and that, with increasing education and enlightenment, the underprivileged and

undeveloped countries must no longer suffer from selfish and coercive exploitation. Surely it should be possible for the great nations of the world to relinquish some of their national pride, prestige and prejudice in the interests of peaceful pursuits of mankind."

The Grand Master also expresses anxiety over what would appear as a disregarding of the basic values and the apparent lowering of moral, ethical and religious standards. However, his opinion seems to be that the youth of today are seeking a firm foundation on which their lives may be built and they are not convinced that the old standards are sound. But the very fact that the youth of recognize that problems do exist encourages the hope that solutions will be sought and found.

The Grand Master speaks very highly of the condition of Masonry in Ontario. The increase in membership and the formation of several new Lodges is a gratifying indication of the progress made. This progress means increased opportunity for those interested in Masonic education.

This Grand Lodge forwarded \$5,000.00 to assist the great loss and distress to the brethren of The Netherlands.

Two Lodges were constituted and consecrated by the Grand Master and dispensations were issued to seven new Lodges.

There are many points in the address of M.W. Bro. Hart that a reviewer would like to present to his brethren but space forbids. Suffice it to say that in Grand Master Hart, Ontario has had as their Head an officer of outstanding ability and in every sense of the word a "Freemason."

The Grand Secretary's report shows an increase in membership of 2,538.

Warrants were issued to six new Lodges, and one Lodge was continued under dispensation.

The Report of the Benevolent Committee is always interesting in any Grand Body and Ontario is no exception. \$93,000.00 was budgeted for the year 1952-53 of which \$86,260.00 was spent. Three hundred and seventy-two cases were considered by the Committee of which 22 were found either not needed or were not eligible. For 1953-54 a sum of \$94,000.00 was set aside for benevolence.

The committee express considerable concern about the increased cost of dependents who are confined to hospitals or nursing homes where the expenses have continued to mount.

From the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry we learn that there appears to be a growing emphasis on Masonic education and the desire of each Lodge to implement the work of the Committee.

Many Lodges have shown interest in blood donors; some 450 transfusions have been donated to brethren and their families.

District divine services and Lodge services are being universally observed. There appears to be a growing interest in this important privilege and duty of all Masonic brethren.

Liability Insurance. This is a subject that has been given serious consideration by many Grand Lodges, and Ontario in 1952 appointed a special committee to bring in a recommendation in 1953 and as a result they have effected insurance under two separate forms of coverage as follows:

Coverage B, \$500,000.00: Legal liability for bodily injuries or death and for damage to property of others (excluding automobile liability).

Coverage B, \$500,000.00: Legal liability for bodily injuries or death or for the damage of property of others arising out of the use of automobiles used by Grand Lodge. (This does not insure the driver or owner of the car for his personal liability.)

This insurance will be extended to cover all constituent Lodges and the individual members to the extent provided in the plan recommended by the Committee, and to pay for the premiums it is recommended that an increase of 10 cents be added to the Grand Lodge fees.

M.W. Bro. Frank A. Copus, P.G.M., as Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, has prepared the foreword to the Reviews which were compiled by R.W. Bro. A. E. McGregor, and to the latter we of Alberta are indebted for the excellent review of our session of 1952.

W. I.

M.W. Bro. J. A. Hearn, Toronto.
Grand Master.

COLORADO — 1952

The Ninety-second Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado was held at Denver, Colorado, January 27th and 28th, 1953, with Grand Master Olin P. Lee, presiding.

The American Flag was presented by an escort of nineteen Knights Templar in uniform, members of the five Denver Commanderies.

Twelve Past Grand Masters were presented by the Grand Marshall, introduced and welcomed. Appropriate letters were sent to the widows of Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Secretaries. Seventy-two Grand Representatives are recorded as being present, but Alberta's Representative does not seem to have answered the roll call. 144 of the 155 Chartered Lodges were represented.

The record of 17 Special Communications is set forth; seven for laying of corner-stones, five to constitute new Lodges, two to dedicate new Temples, two for funerals, and one to present a Dispensation to a new Lodge.

The Grand Master issued 88 dispensations; 28 to change time of meeting, 24 to shorten time between degrees, and others for various reasons. He made 22 decisions, all of which were approved. Amongst those of interest are the following:

"That the sending of chain letters is unmasonic as it is in violation of Federal regulations."

"That Aprons for Past Masters, purchased in good faith but not in conformity with the regulations passed at the last Annual Communication, could not be used."

"That a ballot in which a brother cast an adverse vote under a misapprehension as to the identity of the candidate, could not be set aside."

"That the petition of a full time employee of a company whose sole business is the manufacture, distribution, or sale of intoxicating liquor cannot be received."

In his address the Grand Master states that all is well with Masonry in Colorado. "Its loyalty is still strong, its goal still high, its opportunity still great. It continues to grow in numbers, resources, and strength. Masonry, in the coming years, will play an increasingly important role in holding high the ideals on which all must build if for them life is to be rich and full; in maintaining the fundamental liberties that are the heritage of each; in preserving democracy for our children and our children's children."

The Grand Secretary's interesting statistical report shows a net gain of 1,188 with membership at November 30th, 1952 43,148. There are 155 Chartered Lodges and one U.D.

The Grand Lecturer submits a broad, comprehensive, and detailed report which is extremely interesting, giving as it does a clear picture of the conditions existing in the various Lodges. We note that in 28 Lodges providing for exemption of Lodge dues at the age of sixty years, 31.95% of the total membership of these 28 Lodges are exempt from Lodge dues. Rather an alarming condition we should think, and must seriously affect the financial structure of the Lodges concerned.

Report submitted by the Special Committee on revision of the Burial Service was referred back to the committee for further study and report at next Annual Communication.

Grand Orator, D. Aubrey Spann, delivered an impressive address entitled the "Avalanche of Masonry" outlining the responsibility of Masons to the youth of the country relating incidents pertaining to the formation of the Order of DeMolay for Boys, and the Order of Rainbow for girls.

The Special Committee on the Lodge of Research reported, and on recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, a Charter was granted the petitioning brethren. This Lodge of Research is designed for the purpose its name implies — Research —

and will not have power to receive petitions, confer degrees, etc. Colorado will, without doubt, derive much benefit from the findings and deliberations of this body.

The report of the Committee on Interpretation of Sec. 115 pertaining to liquor was rejected. Referring to the liquor problem in his address Grand Master Olin P. Lee said in part: "Nearly nineteen years have elapsed since the present provisions regarding the liquor business were put into our Constitution. The dissatisfaction over the results obtained has been increasingly evident. It is the reasoned opinion of your Grand Master that, if our Lodges are not given advice and help in this matter, at no far distant date we will find the problem coming before us in a more radical form, one that inevitably will seriously divide us." No indication is given as to any future action, if any, to be taken. Alberta is very liberal in its views and the problem does not arise.

The Committee on Masonic Education sends monthly Service Letters to all Masters, but indications are that only about half the Lodges use them, which is disappointing. As the committee states "The ritualistic portion of Masonry is all important, but it does not begin to contain all that is valuable in this great Fraternity. True, it is the basic teaching without which there could be no Lodges, and no Fraternity, but it is merely the skeleton on which each member is to put the flesh; the starting point from which he should continue onward in his search of Light."

Foreign Correspondence is dealt with in topical form by Past Grand Master Edwin Wittelshofer. He deals mainly with the Public Schools System. Recognition was granted the Grand Lodge of China, the United Grand Lodge of Germany at Frankfurt, and the National Grand Lodge of France.

Grand Master M.W. Bro. Hubert Glover.

Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. Harry W. Bundy.

L. D. N.

CONNECTICUT — 1953

One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Communication.

M.W. Bro. Robert H. Nisbet, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Earle K. Haling, Grand Secretary.

141 lodges. Membership 45,653. Gain 671.

The One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was convened at 10 a.m., April 1, 1953, in the Masonic Temple, 286 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, Conn., with M.W. Bro. Robert H. Nisbet in the Chair. All the Grand Lodge Officers with the exception of the Grand Junior Deacon and the Grand Tyler, were in their respective stations. The following heads of Connecticut Masonic Grand Bodies were received and escorted to the East: Ill. Bro. C. H. Clements, Deputy of the A. & A.S. Rite for the northern Masonic Jurisdiction; Ill. Bro. I. E. Partridge, Jr. 33°; Sir Knight F. R. Coles, Em. Grand

Commander Knights Templar; Com. Edward M. White, M.P. Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters; Com. Arthur W. Hansen, M. Ex. Grand High Priest, R.A.M. Then the following guests were received in due form: M.W. Bro. Perry S. Cochrane, G.M. of Nova Scotia; M.W. Bro. Nelson C. Hart, Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario; M.W. Bro. Roy D. Borden, District of Columbia; M.W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, Exec. Sec. of Masonic Service Assoc.; M.W. Bro. Andrew J. White, of Ohio; M.W. Bro. Edward E. Clough, of Delaware; M.W. Bro. F. Ray Adams of Vermont; M.W. Bro. Fred W. Johnstone, of Rhode Island; M.W. Bro. Walter E. Dunlay, of New Hampshire; M.W. Bro. Jacob S. New, of Maryland; M.W. Bro. Adrien B. Hommell, of New Jersey; M.W. Bro. Edward R. Carman, of New York; M.W. Bro. Charles M. Lankford, Jr., of Virginia; M.W. Bro. Albert T. Eyler, of Penn.; M.W. Bro. Thomas S. Roy, of Mass.

The reception concluded with the presentation of the Flag of the U.S., by the R.W. Grand Marshall, accompanied by the Grand Deacons.

The minutes of the One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Annual Communication having been printed and distributed, were received and the reading dispensed with.

In his address, the Grand Master stated: "We are recognizing more and more Grand Lodges and Masons everywhere and have gone far to advance the cause of Brotherhood, but much more remains to be done at home and abroad."

Although stricken with a series of heart attacks at the beginning of his term of office, the Grand Master continued with his work and with the assistance of District Deputies and the Deputy Grand Master carried out the many duties of the office. These representatives visited the communications of Grand Lodge at New Jersey, Maine, New York, Rhode Island, Indiana, New Hampshire, Vermont. He was able to visit the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, where a band of pipers led the procession into the convention hall, when 3,600 delegates attended and the Grand Lodges of Delaware, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

In the matter of decisions, the Grand Master was called upon to rule on the display of Masonic Emblems on Automobiles, and he decided that while it was not a direct violation of Sec. 1015, it was possibly in bad taste as was the display of the so-called T.B.C. device.

Attempts have been made repeatedly to persuade individual lodges to institute Educational Programs, but the matter will likely result in Grand Lodge instituting a continuously operating and progressive system of education. Massachusetts has lodges of Instruction which take precedence over all lodge work and officers and members must attend monthly meetings and prove proficiency before being advanced. This is carried further in other jurisdictions where even an Installed Master must pass an examination before being permitted to confer degrees. It would be interesting to know how many of the Masters in Alberta could pass such a test!

Apparently in Connecticut "appendant" bodies are recruiting their members from the ranks of Masonry to such an extent that eighty or more organizations are "bleeding Masonry white, and almost without exception, hold and inculcate doctrines which are opposed to the tenets of Masonry." "The first thing that a Mason should learn is that Masonry is not a religion or a substitute for religion, and that Masons have no right even to enquire as to a candidate's religion, other than his belief in monotheism, and that a Lodge is no substitute for a Church . . . and again, the Lodge is not, and must not be allowed to be even suspected as a place where these controversial matters are even discussed."

The Masonic Charity Foundation has set a goal of \$1,000,000 and have pledges of \$336,344.97. Two years was set as the time to reach the objective. The Foundation reports that in 1952, sixty-two new members were admitted, of whom 43 were over 70 years of age, and the membership stands at 331. The total Operating Income was \$528,635.50 and the total Operating Expenses were \$445,400.28.

The Proceedings list the returns of the Constituent Lodges in order of seniority and give complete records of each lodge, something that would be interesting to individual members, that is, if each member received a copy.

The Review of other Grand Lodges is very systematically arranged and Alberta comes in for a complete report.

G. C.

DELAWARE — 1953

The One Hundred and Forty-eighth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware convened in the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, on the seventh day of October, 1953, with M.W. Edward E. Clough, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

Distinguished guests from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey, South Carolina, Maryland, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, District of Columbia, Maine, and York Grand Lodge of Mexico were welcomed and given Grand Honors. Also officially welcomed from the Grand East were Hon. J. Caleb Boggs, Governor of the State of Delaware, and Hon. August F. Walz, Mayor of the City of Wilmington.

Sixty Grand Representatives answered the roll call and received a warm welcome from M.W. Bro. Edward E. Clough. We are glad to note Alberta's Representative, Geo. T. Macklin, P.G.M., was amongst those in attendance.

In his address to Grand Lodge, the Grand Master refers to the critical times confronting the world today. He says:

"I conceive it to be the duty and the purpose of this great Fraternity to fight shoulder to shoulder with the churches of every

creed and denomination for the preservation of those great moral principles without which no nation can long endure.

"Our great country and our way of life are in deadly peril from without and from within. We are engaged in a battle of ideas, a battle with a loathsome ideology, a battle particularly deadly because it is primarily a struggle for possession of men's minds and souls rather than for territory and material wealth alone.

"We shall win, for our cause is just, but the winning will require a rededication and a reconsecration to those great moral principles which are inculcated at the altar of Masonry to an extent hitherto unknown. Masonry is not merely a pretty theory, not merely a collection of high sounding principles incapable of serious application in a practical world. It is a great, powerful, dynamic force for good if we as individuals are worthy of our title of Master Masons."

Besides paying official visits to all Lodges within the jurisdiction, ten courtesy visits for "Ladies' Nights" and a like number of appendant organizations, he made some twenty-six visits to other Grand Jurisdictions, all of which he found very enlightening and enjoyable. One of the most delightful affairs was the 200th Anniversary commemorating the Initiation of Bro. George Washington into Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 Virginia. He found it impossible to accept many other invitations, but in most cases was represented by some members of his Official Staff.

Fifty year pins were presented to 33 brethren.

The Grand Master refers to the "Chain letter" nuisance, said he did not approve it, nor did it have the approval of Grand Lodge and was contrary to the rules of the Post Office. He asked any brother receiving one to destroy it at once.

His recommendation that two Masonic Clubs be sanctioned and approved by Grand Lodge was ratified. The Jurisprudence Committee however issued a warning note saying "We feel that there are already too many such bodies in existence in a jurisdiction as small as ours. We likewise feel that the proper place for the expression of Masonic idealism is in the Blue Lodge, not in Clubs." We heartily agree with the committee's remarks. These so-called Masonic Clubs are harmful to the Blue Lodges by reducing the attendance of members.

The Grand Master was concerned over the matter of Liability Insurance and recommended the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee to make a careful study of the situation and report back to the next regular Communication. This was approved. A number of Grand Lodges, including Alberta, see the necessity of such action.

There were thirty-two guests in the Masonic Home, eleven men and twenty-one women. Average expense per day was \$4.61. Operations resulted in a net income of \$1,458.11 as compared with a net loss of \$630.70 for the preceding year. Ten dollars is collected for each candidate initiated during the year together with \$1.50 for each Master Mason reported in the annual returns, and \$10.00 for each brother admitted from another Jurisdiction, for the maintenance of the Masonic Home.

Recognition was granted to the Grand Lodge of Vienna for Austria, and the Grand Lodge of Israel and an exchange of Grand Representatives authorized. Requests from the Grand Lodges of Trieste, China, Berlin, and Peru for recognition, were postponed without prejudice. Recognition heretofore granted the Grand Lodge "Zu Den Alten Pflichten" Berlin, cancelled and declared null and void.

Review of Sister Jurisdictions is given in topical form by M.W. Bro. W. Stewart Allmond, P.G.M. He mentions the topical form is not his personal choice, he prefers the other quoting from Bro. Hal C. McLeod of Illinois who is of the same opinion. Bro. Allmond's review nevertheless is very interesting and refreshing, interspersed with pithy comment covering many items occupying the thoughts of Freemasons everywhere.

Membership 7,434. Net gain 267.

Grand Master M.W. Francis W. Hukil.

Grand Secretary R.W. Chester R. Jones.

L. D. N.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA — 1952

The 142nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia opened in the Masonic Temple, Washington, D.C., on December 17, 1952. M.W. Grand Master R. F. Camalier presided over the proceedings.

A net gain of 188 members was recorded for the year. The number of Master Masons raised was 739. Deaths numbered 447. The membership stood at 25,265 on the last day of the year.

The Masonic and Eastern Star Home devoted to the care of aged members of both Orders, had 121 guests enrolled.

The Committee on Masonic Blood Bank reported a total of 2,524 pints of blood donated during the year. The Committee is compiling an emergency file listing particulars of all donors. This list will be made available to the Red Cross.

An historic event occurred when the former President of the U.S.A., Harry S. Truman, advised the Grand Master that "in the rebuilding of the White House, a number of stones with Masonic symbols carved upon them, apparently the 'signatures' of members of the Craft who wished to associate Freemasonry with the construction of the building, were discovered." The President requested that one stone be distributed to each of the Grand Lodges in the United States. Each gift was accompanied by a letter signed by the President.

M.W. Bro. Roy D. Borden was elected Grand Master and installation was duly made.

C. T. S.

ENGLAND — 1953

In looking through the Reports of the Quarterly Communications held in 1953 one finds very little that is of interest to the Brethren of Alberta.

Our Brethren of the United Grand Lodge of England certainly exemplify to a generous degree the injunction that "a Mason's charity should know no bounds save that of prudence," for, in addition to taking care of the cases of distress occurring amongst their own members, they do not neglect worthy national or international causes outside of the Craft. All this is in addition to their activities in the scholastic field, i.e., the maintenance of their splendid Boys and Girls Schools, which are, of course, world renowned.

We see the Board of General Purposes quickly responded to the appeal for funds for the relief of the distressed due to the disastrous floods along the East Coast and in Holland in February, 1953, by sending 1,000 guineas to the Lord Mayor of London's National Flood and Tempest Distress Fund, and 500 guineas for the relief of distress in Holland. In speaking on this subject, M.W. the Grand Master acknowledged with gratitude the "spontaneous remittances of money for this purpose" received from the United States and Grand Lodges in the Commonwealth. (Reviewer — The Grand Lodge of Alberta sent \$1,000 to the United Grand Lodge for the Lord Mayor of London's Fund, and \$1,000 to the Royal Netherlands Embassy, Ottawa, for the Netherlands Disaster Fund.)

Later in the year Grand Lodge made a grant of £1,000 to the Greek Earthquake Appeal Fund and £500 to the Master of the Star of the East Lodge, No. 880, Zante, Greece, for the relief of distress amongst the Brethren of the English and Greek Constitutions and their dependents.

Referring to the Westminster Abbey Appeal Fund the Grand Lodge approved the following motion moved by the President of the Board of General Purposes, "That Grand Lodge, on behalf of the whole Craft, shall enter into a Covenant to contribute out of its taxed income, during each of the following seven years, such sum as, together with the recoverable tax, shall amount to £1,000 each year, to the Westminster Abbey Appeal Fund."

At the last Quarterly Communication for 1953, the President of the Board of General Purposes announced preparation had been made for three Delegations from the Grand Lodge to visit "different parts of our jurisdiction" in 1954. One will pretty well cover the Continent of Africa, another will visit South America, and R.W. the Grand Secretary, Sir Sydney White, will visit the province of Newfoundland, Canada. Regarding the proposed visit of the Grand Secretary, the President of the Board of General Purposes said, "They (Newfoundland) have not had a visit from an official Grand Lodge Delegation since 1920, when the late Lord Ampthill visited them, and they are feeling that they might have a little more attention, and are very anxious that we should send a Delegate there. The Board is proposing that we should send there one of our senior members — that we should send a brother who has always been to many of

them out there a mythical figure to whom they have been addressing letters for a good many years and whom, I am sure, they will be glad to see, in the person of our Grand Secretary. We propose that next summer he should take some time off from his London labours, and take a boat to Newfoundland."

We regret there are no addresses published in the Proceedings for 1953 that are of general interest to the Craft.

Grand Master M.W. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Scarbrough, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., T.D.

Grand Secretary R.W. Sir Sydney White, K.C.V.O., P.G.W.

M. J. B.

FLORIDA — 1953

Grand Master: M.W. Brother Perry R. Marsh.

Grand Secretary: R.W. Brother George W. Huff.

Reviewing the 1953 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Florida, covering the 124th Annual Communication, one is impressed with the efficiency of the administration. The detail in the reports of the various committees, particularly the report on Masonic Education, is to be commended.

The Report of the Board of Trustees for the Masonic Home certainly displays the interest taken in those needy Masons and their dependents when help is required. The effort at the moment to raise funds to add an infirmary to the Home is another example of carrying out the work of relief.

It is also noted that the Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from labour to receive the Grand Officers of the Order of the Eastern Star.

We were pleased to note Alberta's representative, Brother Thomas J. Price, was present.

The membership of this Grand Body as at December 27th, 1952, is 53,571, with 257 active lodges, increase 2,479. It is also noted the Lodges rejected 501 for degrees, which indicates a close check on applications for membership.

T.B.D.

GEORGIA — 1952

M.W. Grand Master Dr. J. G. Standifer.

No. of Lodges 472. Members 86,390.

The One Hundred and Sixty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A.M. was held in the city of Macon on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 28th and 29th, 1952.

A religious service at Mulberry Methodist Church preceded the opening of Grand Lodge.

The session was opened by Most Worshipful Brother Dr. J. G. Standifer, Grand Master.

This Grand Master had a very busy year — nine cornerstones were laid, four new Lodges constituted and attendance at upwards of 200 meetings in his jurisdiction as well as a number of visits to outside meetings including the Grand Master's Conference in Washington.

It is of interest to note this Grand Lodge holds a Grand Masters' Conference in Atlanta each year; this consists of the Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters and topics of importance to their Jurisdiction are discussed.

An unusual Communication of Atlanta Lodge was held when the Master's Degree was conferred by a team of Past Grand Masters with the Grand Master presiding.

This Grand Lodge carries out an extensive program of Religious, Health, Educational and Vocational Training activities in their Masonic Home for Children; this is a very worthy work and it must be a source of pleasure and satisfaction to the Trustees to see 350 former children and their families attend the Annual Home Coming.

Alberta's Grand Representative was present but we find no mention of Alberta in the review of Foreign Correspondence.

Grand Master elected M.W. Bro. H. L. Brown.

J. M. S.

GEORGIA — 1953

The One Hundred and Sixty-Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A.M. was held in the city of Macon on October 27th and 28th, 1953.

According to their usual custom the proceedings were opened with a religious service in the Mulberry Street Methodist Church at 9 a.m.

The Grand Lodge session was then convened in the Grand Lodge Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. and was opened in due and ancient form by Most Worshipful Henry L. Brown, Grand Master.

Alberta's Grand Representative was present but I found no review of our own proceedings.

In his address, the Grand Master said, in part "many of our Lodges have taken in candidates in large numbers and the proper investigation is not being made as it has been proven that we have taken numbers of men into the fraternity that shouldn't have been permitted to become members. Candidates are being rushed through the three degrees and into the "Appendant Orders" and are not properly instructed in the meaning of the first three degrees. We should always remember that the Blue Lodge is the foundation upon which the fraternity is built and the foundation should be strongly laid."

I believe quite a number of Lodges in our own Jurisdiction might profitably reflect on this statement.

The office of Grand Master in a Jurisdiction the size of Georgia, with 472 Lodges and 90,000 members, is practically a full time job, and the list of official visitations, laying of cornerstones, dedications, etc., runs to, approximately one official visit every second day during his term of office.

Committee on Grand Master's address reported:
"The Grand Master's labors for the year have not been confined to this Jurisdiction. He has not only exemplified true Masonic light and dispensed true Masonic instructions in this state but he has borne the torch of Freemasonry and its trophy of brotherly love and goodwill to many of our Sister jurisdictions."

Incoming Grand Master M.W. M. A. Chapman.

Grand Secretary R.W. D. W. Locklin.

J. M. S.

IDAHO — 1953

Eighty-seventh Annual Communication held at Boise, Idaho, September 15, 16, 17, 1953.

M.W. Bro. Noel M. Leavitt, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Clyde I. Rush, Grand Secretary.

83 Lodges. Membership 13,885. Gain 284.

The opening of the Grand Lodge Meeting at Boise, Idaho, on the morning of September 15th, was marked by the presentation of the flag of the United States at the altar by the Grand Marshall, W. Bro. R. Gail Train, who in a eulogistic speech outlined the significance of the flag and its meaning to the people. The assembly then joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." This procedure has apparently been recently introduced by the Board of Custodians and adopted by Grand Lodge.

In the list of distinguished guests we find the name of W. Bro. Leonard B. Jordan, the Governor of the State of Idaho, and letters of regret from M.W. Bro. William A. Curran, Grand Master and M.W. Bro. J. H. N. Morgan, Grand Secretary of British Columbia, and also from Bro. Donald S. Whitehead, Deputy of the Supreme Council in Idaho of the Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction, and M.W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association.

A rather interesting feature of the proceedings was the welcome extended to four 50-year Masons who were escorted to the altar where they were addressed by the Senior Grand Deacon.

M.W. Bro. Leavitt, a conscientious and energetic officer, had planned on giving his full time for the year to the duties of the office, but at the last moment changes had to be made which interfered with the arrangement, but, nevertheless, he was able to make

thirty-four official visitations. He reports that he was particularly pleased with the attendance at the District Meetings; the secret of this success would be very welcome news to our own Grand Master. The Grand Master found time to visit the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, at Penticton. He was also invited to assist with the program at Fiat Lux Lodge, No. 1079, New York City. He speaks of using the New York style when conferring the second section of the Third Degree and the Idaho style in the Third Degree Lecture. He reports:

"In Idaho, particularly during Degree work, we refrain from applause, but such is not the case in Fiat Lux Lodge. When they witness anything they enjoy they break forth with spontaneous and prolonged applause. To have this happen to me was somewhat surprising but nevertheless gratifying."

He had also an occasion to visit Los Angeles where he took part in ritual work using the California style. He says:

"As you know, California has no Master Key. They do not permit a Code book. It is considered a Masonic offense to possess one. The work is learned from mouth to ear. Should anyone doubt the efficiency of this system, he should have been in attendance with me that evening. In the larger Lodges in California no member is given an appointive office until he has learned the esoteric work as well as the lectures."

A very commendable practice is the competition for the Grand Lecturer's Trophy, and in the year just completed, ten out of eleven districts entered the competition. While this project would require detailed preparation and skilled decisions, it would tend to better enunciation and the development of officers, fluent and easy of address.

In the list of Dispensations is recorded the request from a lodge to set aside Section 2020, which requires the candidate to pass a satisfactory examination in the lecture of the Third Degree or be dropped from the roll. This holds for six months, a fact forgotten by the lodge. What would happen if we had such a regulation in Alberta? This Section 2020 has given rise to much correspondence and apparently is not clear to many lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, and the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, are listed in the review of Foreign Correspondence, but that is the extent of the visitations to our country.

G. C.

ILLINOIS — 1953

M.W. Bro. James Green, Grand Master (retiring).

M.W. Bro. Carroll T. Hughes, Grand Master (incoming).

R.W. Bro. Richard Davenport, Grand Secretary.

Chartered Lodges 975. Members 250,693. Districts 100.

One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill., U.S.A., October 13th and 14th, 1953.

Following opening prayer, the Roll Call was taken by Districts. U.S.A. National Anthem was sung, followed by God Save the Queen.

Decisions: "Can a Lodge set aside certain funds as a "Trust Fund" and turn it over to a committee or Trust Company to be administered?" No! Sunday Picnics not permitted. Gambling, Bingo, etc., not permitted. Failure to obtain Waiver of Jurisdiction; All petition and degree fees received to be paid over to the resident lodge.

Member who affiliated with a Lodge from a Grand Lodge not in fraternal correspondence, was struck from the rolls.

Discipline: Ordered the expulsion of six members who had been convicted of crimes in the courts.

Schools of Instruction: Six Schools held during the year conducted by teams from the Board of Grand Examiners. Grand Lecturers provide the Lodges with necessary instructions.

Observation made by the Grand Master: Masonry should not waste efforts and resources in supporting, to keep alive, other organizations over which it has no control. Individuals may take part in many good enterprises but Masonry as an institution should not be obliged to promote others' work.

Masonic Homes maintained. Illinois Masonic Orphans Home, La Grange 71. Illinois Masonic Home, Sullivan 228, supported in part by income from 20 estates and from member assessments.

Masonic Service Association supported by call of \$1 per member maintains a Visitors Service to Veteran's Hospitals caring for sick and injured. Raised \$28,000.00.

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures for the Grand Lodge, \$222,-809.00.

Address and Presentation by M.W. Bro. Carl Claudy. Refers to the fact that 15 Presidents of the U.S. have been Masons. The majority of Congress is now and always has been drawn from the Masonic fraternity. Eight of the nine members of the Supreme Court are Masons. The architect of the White House, James Hoban was a good catholic and a mason. Some of the masons employed by him in the erection of the White House, made their mark on the stones used. In the recent rebuilding of the White House, Gen. H. Vaughan and President Harry Truman discovered some of these stones and the latter decided to preserve sufficient of these marked stones to present one to each Grand Lodge of the U.S.A. Such a stone was then presented to the Grand Lodge of Illinois accompanied with a letter from Harry Truman framed in common pine wood taken from the White House. The marked stone is to be preserved with the letter, in the Museum at the Illinois Masonic Home, in Sullivan.

Foreign Jurisdictions: Recognition was given the following: The United Grand Lodge of Germany. The Grand Lodge of Argentina, The Grand Orient of Italy.

Publications: Illinois Enlightener. Mailed free to Grand Lodge Officers, Masters and Wardens, and all other Masonic Masons upon request. 47,000 mailed August, 1953. Booklets published as follows: Candidates Information Progress Booklets, set of 5. Investigation, Duties of Investigation Committee. Suggested Social and Educational Programmes for Senior and Junior Wardens.

Schools of Instruction: Held in 6 areas for 2 or 3 days, in which opening and closing ceremonies are examined by the Grand Lecturers. Degrees exemplified, reception of D.D.G.M., introduction of visitors, discourse on due guards and signs, etc.

L. J. R.

INDIANA — 1953

Grand Master: M.W. Brother Ralph E. Regman.

Grand Secretary: M.W. Bro. Dwight L. Smith, P.G.M.

Number of Lodges 544. Membership 175,271. Net gain 3,255.

Approved per capita assessment of \$2.00 for support of Masonic Home, although voluntary contributions will still be welcome.

Contributed \$1,000.00 to Holland Flood Disaster Relief.

To check the activities of clandestine lodges in a portion of the jurisdiction, a directory of Masonic Lodges, with dates and places of regular meetings, was published as a paid advertisement in newspapers of the area.

The Committee on Masonic Education provides Masonic speakers as well as films, plays and other printed material. The Committee has introduced the "Mentor Plan," participation in which is voluntary on the part of the Lodges. Purpose: "To teach fundamentals of Freemasonry to every candidate so he may become a Master Mason in fact as well as in name." A "Mentor's Manual" is issued to each Mentor appointed by a Lodge, with full instructions for coaching candidates in the E.A., F.C. and M.M. Degrees. Booklets are also provided for the candidates to study.

Sixteen Lodges celebrated their Centennial during the year.

Extended recognition to the United Grand Lodge of Germany, Grand Lodge of Vienna, Austria, Grand Lodge of Peru.

R. R. A.

IOWA — 1953

The Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M., met in the 109th Annual Communication at Davenport, Iowa, on June 9th, 1953, and was opened in form by Deputy Grand Master Albert Wharten.

Following prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. E. Grayson, was presented, received with Grand Honours and assumed the East.

There were 14 Past Grand Masters present, who were introduced, also a number of distinguished visitors, some of whom represented other concordant bodies.

The Grand Master's address, which is largely a recital of his many activities during the year, indicates that it has been a very active year for him; in fact one wonders if he has neglected his personal business entirely in the cause of Freemasonry, during his term of office, to have enabled him to accomplish so much.

He travelled over 25,000 miles in his visitations as Grand Master and a mere recital of these visits fills pages and covers the majority of the 547 Lodges in the jurisdiction, as well as many visits to other Grand Jurisdictions and other bodies.

We note that one new Lodge was granted a dispensation, and two Lodges were constituted during the year.

Grand Representatives of over 40 Grand Jurisdictions were appointed, as Iowa had not been observing this practice generally heretofore. The Representative to Alberta was present and received his certificate of appointment; a few certificates had been received in time for presentation at this communication of the Grand Lodge. During the presentation the Grand Master urged them to make this office a means of greater friendship between the Grand Lodges they represented as well as an interesting office. We trust that these Representatives will not allow their office to become a mere formality as has developed in so many cases, unfortunately.

During his address he noted that Communism was running amuck in their country and in some of the States was infiltrating into Masonry and warned the Lodges to be on their guard against accepting Communists as members.

He also called attention to the fact that "conviction for felony by a competent court of jurisdiction shall be sufficient evidence for the expulsion of a Mason without the formality of a Masonic trial."

The Grand Secretary stated that a Lodge of Research had been organized during the year, remarking that this was an unique event, it being the first Lodge of Research in Iowa.

The report of the Grand Lodge Recognition Committee was very interesting and they suggested that the matter of Grand Lodge recognition be given consideration in the individual Lodges with a view to increasing knowledge and understanding of recognition among their membership. This is timely and deserving of consideration generally as well as in Iowa.

The representative of the Grand Master of Minnesota during his remarks said "that the Brethren should not only be active in Masonry, but that they should see that Masonry is active in them; that is one lesson we all need to learn, to see that we are not so active in Masonry that Masonry has no time to be active in us."

During the communication, a stone taken from the White House foundation, during the process of remodelling the White House, was presented to the Grand Lodge on behalf of President Truman by Bro. F. P. Hogan, and I quote a portion of his remarks:

"And so it is my privilege and pleasure to present to the Grand Lodge this morning one of these stones that was taken from the foundation of the Old White House bearing a Mason's mark, and this is to be the permanent property of this Grand Lodge.

"Most Worshipful Sir, I present it to you with great pleasure and wish to read to you the letter from Brother Truman that came with it, framed in wood from the old White House.

" 'Most Worshipful Sir—Through the good offices of an ambassador from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, which is Masonically supreme in the Capitol of the Nation, I place in your hands a stone taken from the walls of the White House during its just-completed rebuilding. A sufficient number of these stones, each with a Masonic symbol upon it, was discovered to give one to each Grand Lodge in the United States. These evidences of the number of the members of the Craft who built the President's official residence so intimately aligns Freemasonry with the formation and the founding of our Government that I believe your Grand Lodge will cherish this link between the Fraternity and the Government of the Nation, of which the White House is a symbol.—Sincerely and fraternally yours, HARRY S. TRUMAN'."

The brother elected to fill the Senior Warden's chair for the ensuing year passed away at his hotel during the evening following his election to that office, and a memorial service was held for him the next morning. We express our sympathy with the Grand Lodge of Iowa in this connection.

Membership showed an increase of 855 during the year, now being 93,747 with 547 Lodges.

M.W. Charles B. Hayes, Grand Master. R.W. Earl B. Delzell, Grand Secretary.

C. S. B. L.

IRELAND — 1953

The March Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Limerick with the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Frank A. Lowe on the Throne. Attention was drawn to the importance of the occasion for the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Munster in that it was the first time in the annals of Masonry that Grand Lodge met in Limerick.

The October Communication was held in Belfast, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Raymond F. Brooke on the Throne. Mention was made at this meeting that at the June Stated Communication held in Dublin a Loyal Address had been sent to Her Majesty the Queen offering respectful congratulations on the occasion of Her Coronation.

During the year six New Warrants were issued: four for Lodges in Ireland, one for a Lodge in Zululand (Province of Natal) and the other for a Lodge in Northern Rhodesia.

The Grand Lodge has acceded to the request of the Grand Lodge of Vienna for Austria for recognition and exchange of Representatives. Renewal of Masonic relations with the Grand Lodge of Greece has also been agreed to, which had ceased in 1941 owing to war conditions.

Reports were received from three of the Irish Military Lodges which meet in some of the Regiments of Her Majesty's Army. Those mentioned were from Lodge No. 295 of the 4th Dragoon Guards, Lodge No. 570, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, and from Glittering Star Lodge, No. 322, 1st Worcestershire Regiment. It seems these Lodges are quite active and meet whenever a suitable opportunity occurs.

Congratulations of M.W. The Grand Master and the Brethren of Grand Lodge were sent on the 9th of May, 1953, to W. Bro. Alexander McCann who was celebrating the One Hundredth Anniversary of his birthday. Bro. McCann was Initiated in Truth Lodge, No. 22, Belfast, on the 12th day of February, 1878.

The Annual Report of the Masonic Benevolent Institutions again shows a satisfactory year, with a Roll of 106 pupils in the Girls' School and 103 in the Boys' School. Referring to the Boys' School the Report reads: "As there has been a large increase recently in the amount of fees payable at the Universities and at Technical Schools the cost of such after-school education is proving a considerably strain on the School finances. The money available for such purposes is now very limited, and, without help from the General Funds of the School, is unable to meet requirements." Both the girls and the boys have again done remarkably well in the various examinations which must be most encouraging to their teachers and the Brethren of Grand Lodge. We note that amongst the Bequests received during the year, one for £3,000 for the Girls' School, another for £1,616-13-4 for the Boys' School, and another for £1,000 for the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Raymond F. Brooke.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Henry C. Shellard.

M. J. B.

KANSAS — 1953

The Ninety-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, A.F. & A.M., was held at Wichita on February 11th, 1953, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. S. Allan Daugherty, presiding.

The Grand Master gave an address which we found very interesting. We quote the following paragraphs:

"The Masonic Fraternity is composed of men in all walks of life. It has no master head but God, and no worldly allegiance but country. It is free from all orthodox entanglements, and within its ranks there is no bigotry or creed. It excludes no man of character and holds no brief against those who do not belong to the Order. Its institutions are based upon the Cardinal Virtues and its affairs are

conducted upon a high Constitutional plane. It believes every man to be innocent until he is proven guilty and holds its own members more strictly accountable than those who do not wear its insigna.

The Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, the Moral Law, and the hope of a Life Eternal; out of this simple faith grows the philosophy which Freemasonry teaches".

Copies of the History of the George Washington Masonic Memorial were sent to all Kansas Lodges, Past Grand Officers, Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters, together with a covering letter from the Grand Master.

A dispensation was issued for a new Lodge at Wichita to be known as Trinity Lodge. Previously there were only five Lodges in Wichita, a city with a population of 210,000. One Lodge has a membership of over 5,000. Two other Lodges of over 2,000 each, with the total membership of these five Lodges of over 12,000. It was felt that another Lodge was needed.

An excellent address was given by the Grand Orator, W. Bro. Harold G. Barr, entitled "Old Ways in New Days". We greatly enjoyed reading this inspiring address.

There is an interesting report from the Committee on the Celebration of the Centennial of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, to be held in 1956. We shall be looking forward to reading an account of this celebration, with a great deal of pleasure.

Recognition was given to the Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and it was recommended that there be a continuation of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Spain in Exile.

We sympathise with our Kansas Brethren in their loss, by death, of two Past Grand Masters, — M.W. Bro. Judge William Easton Hutchison, who was Grand Master in 1912, and M.W. Bro. Harry Dean Evans, Grand Master in 1945. The Grand Lodge had ordered a portrait painted of M.W. Bro. Judge Hutchison and this was unveiled in the Kansas Masonic Home during this Grand Lodge Communication.

We were pleased to note that Alberta's Grand Representative, W. Bro. Harold C. Alexander was present at this communication. We could not find any review of Alberta in the Fraternal Correspondence Report, but there were 62 excellent reviews of other Grand Lodge Proceedings.

No. of Lodges, 441. Membership, 96,177. Gain, 2,148.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Bruce Newton.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Strain.

W. A. B.

KENTUCKY — 1952

The One Hundred and Fifty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky A.F. & A.M. was held at Louisville, Kentucky commencing October 21, 1952 with Most Wor. Bro. J. Heber Lewis, Grand Master, presiding. A net gain in membership of 3,613 was reported bringing the total to 88,769.

The Grand Master, in his address, mentions that he laid the cornerstones of four lodges. The Grand Master was very happy to report there had not been a death in the Official family of the Grand Lodge or in the ranks of the Past Grand Masters during this year. A very active year is indicated as some thirty pages are required to recount the many visitations of the Grand Master. Several interesting questions had been asked and the Grand Master registered his opinions on same. One of the latest projects had been the creation of a gymnasium and recreation building at their Masonic Widow and Orphans' Home, for which a balance of almost \$100,000.00 is still to be raised. The Masonic group sponsoring this activity is known as the "St. John's Day League".

The detailed reports on the Masons' Home and also the Masonic Widow and Orphans' Home gave much information re past achievements as well as immediate needs.

Two of the seventy-five year veterans had passed away during the year (one was raised April 8, 1876 and the other was raised July 25, 1874).

R. Wor. Bro. S. Albert Phillips, Grand Treasurer, with much exactitude details the cash position, total receipts, etc.

R. Wor. Bro. Al. E. Orton, Grand Secretary, outlines some interesting facts: five lodges 600 to 699 members, four 700 to 799, one 800 to 899; five 900 to 999; two 1,000 to 1,099; three 1,100 to 1,199.

A very popular appointment was that of R.W. Bro. Rev. C. C. Newsome as Grand Chaplain. He had done excellent work as Chaplain of the Homes and will, doubtless, continue the same high standard of service as he brings cheer in the Homes.

Some four hundred and fifty pages of the Proceedings are devoted to current year officers and the membership of the different lodges.

All told one would say that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has many brethren of enthusiasm, energy, efficiency and effectiveness.

The report of the Committee on the Proceeding of other Grand Lodges is prefaced by Foreword by Most Wor. Bro. Chas. H. Keith, P.G.M. and affords the reader extensive and comprehensive knowledge of numerous Grand Jurisdictions.

E. G. E.

LOUISIANA — 1953

The One Hundred and Forty-second Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, F. & A.M., in the Masonic Temple, New Orleans, La., on Monday, February 9th, 1953, was opened in the Third or Master's Degree, in due and ancient form, by M.W. Bro. Oliver H. Dabiezies, Grand Master, after prayer by Bro. Girault M. Jones, Episcopal Bishop of Louisiana, Grand Chaplain.

245 lodges and a quorum being present, the Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open for Business. Many important items concerning this Grand jurisdiction were brought forward in the Grand Masters' Address and passed on to the various Committees for further action.

It had come to the attention of the Grand Master that the officers of some of the Lodges do not speak, read or write the language in which the Lodge works and in which the Ritual is presented and he has issued the following Edict: "Hereafter the Masters and Officers of Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction must be able to read, write, speak and understand the language used by their Lodge to confer the Degrees and transact its business; and no Lodge shall knowingly install a Master and/or officers who are unable to read, write, speak and understand the language used by it to confer the Degrees and transact its business."

This Grand jurisdiction has a unique organization, namely, Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, F. & A.M., which was chartered July 1st, 1854, and since that time has been active in the practical work of Freemasonry. They are busily engaged at all times in relieving the distress of sojourning Masons, conducting funerals for Lodges outside the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana, and in many instances these officers have assisted Local Lodges in relief problems and conducting funerals. This Jurisdiction can point with pride to the useful and worthwhile service performed by this group of unselfish Masons. Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1 has been an active member since the beginning of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

R.W. Bro. Junius B. Sharp, Grand Lecturer, reported that he had covered as much of the State as was possible and had been well received and also given much assistance by the various District Deputies, stating that nearly four hundred Certificates of Proficiency had been issued during the year, attesting to the fact that the Brethren are realizing as never before the importance of conferring creditable and impressive degrees, and of instructing candidates in the correct catechism, that they might more quickly and easily become useful to their lodges.

Fifty-Year Service Emblems were presented to four faithful Brethren having 50 or more years continuous membership.

Centennial Plaques were presented to the following Lodges; Harrisonburg Lodge 100 Harrisonburg, La., on June 29th, 1952. Shreveport Lodge 115 Shreveport, La., on January 27th, 1953.

Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges were reviewed by Bro. Robert W. Cretney P.G.M., Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence but regret to say there was no mention made of Alberta, we would appreciate their favorable comments in future Reviews. Pleased to report that Bro. Edwin L. Waldron of Monroe, La., representing the Grand Lodge of Alberta, was among the Grand Representatives answering the Roll Call.

Grand Master Dabezies, was busily engaged throughout the year, having attended the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Grand Lodges of Oregon, Illinois and Massachusetts, as well as paying official visits to eighty various Lodges and Masonic Bodies. On every occasion being received with kindness and lavish hospitality.

Four Lodges operating under Dispensation. Four Lodges Constituted. The election of Officers for the ensuing year was declared as follows; M.W. Bro. Alex L. Stephens, Grand Master. R.W. Bro. Clarence Beasley, Deputy Grand Master. R.W. Bro. D. Peter Laguens, Jr., Grand Secretary.

C. P. B.

MAINE — 1953

M.W. Grand Master, Benjamin W. Ela.

R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Paul L. Powers.

R.W. Grand Secretary, Convers E. Leach.

Alberta's Grand Representative in Maine, Bro. William D. Bruce.

Lodges 207. Members 46,335. Net gain 645.

Largest Lodge, Hiram Lodge No. 180 — 1081 members. Smallest Lodge, Mount Tir'em Lodge No. 132 — 52 members.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine, opened in the Masonic Temple, Portland Me., Tuesday, May 5th, 1953 at 9:00 a.m., with the Most Worshipful Grand Master presiding.

In attendance, full slate of Grand Lodge Officers, 280 delegates representing 192 of the 207 Chartered Lodges: Twelve of the living Past Grand Masters along with thirty of the other permanent members, and fifty-two of the seventy-four Representatives of other Grand Lodges. Many distinguishd visitors.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form, prayer being offered by Rev. Bro. David L. Wilson, Grand Chaplain.

The Communication stood at attention and saluted the flag as the Colors were presented to the rear of the Altar.

Grand Master: Brethren —

“Two hundred years ago George Washington

The Craft's majority of favor won,

Kneeling at the Altar of Freemasonry,

And by the Three Great Lights he could clearly see,

Upon the Trestle-board fashioned there,

America, the baeutiful, the fair.

Two hundred years have brought our country through

To majority among Nations true,

And now at that Altar of Freemasonry,

May each one of us kneel again in spirit and see,

Upon the Trestle-board still fashioned there,

America, the beautiful, the fair.”

(The Colors were then advanced to the East).

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated, and the Communication then sang one verse of 'America'.

Distinguished Guests then presented, received and invited to seats in the East and accorded Grand Honors.

Most Worshipful Grand Master extended to each and every member a sincere and cordial welcome, saying, "You belong here. I wish that we could just get down and talk with each and every one of you. According to report 819 Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction have heard the Call of the Grand Master of the Celestial Lodge above. No more shall we hear their voices, until we too shall have answered the Voice that called them thither. We are persuaded, if we too shall live by the square, plumb-line and rule, that we shall be raised by the Supreme Grand Master's word, into that Lodge, not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens."

The epidemic of chain letters still continues, M.W. Bro. Ralph J. Pollard, P.G.M., states "Superstition is certainly unmasonic and Masons are supposedly too intelligent to indulge in such a puerile pastime."

The Most Worshipful Grand Master made approximately 120 Visitations of Lodges and Masonic Functions during the year from May 8th, 1952, through May 6th, 1953, including attendance at Grand Masters Conference, where it was his privilege to address the Conference on February 24th, 1953, his subject 'Connectives — In Freemasonry'. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia. Also Masonic Service Association of the United States. All of the above showing he had a very busy and eventful year as Grand Master.

The Grand Master presented an exhaustive study of Masonic Relief in Maine and of methods and difficulties of distribution. He has particularly called attention to the need of a sound investment program for the substantial funds which now constitute their Masonic Charitable Foundation. Relief for the year covered 130 cases in total amount of \$24,667.

W. Bro. Aubrey L. Burbank, Grand Lecturer, presented his report and summary of attendance covering Schools of Instruction held at various points during the Fall of 1952. A schedule of 21 schools had been drawn up which resulted in an attendance of 1,059 Brethren including 699 officers of Lodges. Concluding his report he said "I sincerely hope that the schools have been helpful in promoting the Spirit of Masonry as well as improvement of Ritual rendition. No matter how eloquent the rendition, if the true meaning and true spirit of Masonry is lacking, then we have failed in our mission. Ritual proficiency is indeed important, but sincerity and decorum are equally so, and that officer who will combine all three will merit the esteem and applause of his Brethren."

This Grand Jurisdiction lost the services of the following distinguished Brethren who were Called to the Grand Lodge above:

R.W. Bro. Frank J. Cole, Chairman of the Committee on Distribution of Charity Fund for 21 years.

W. Bro. Rev. J. Homer Nelson, Grand Chaplain for many years in both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

M.W. Bro. Harold H. Murchie, P.G.M. 1940-1941.

Bro. Perley Stone Hamilton, Grand Tyler.

Masonry continues in a healthy condition in this Grand Jurisdiction and will continue to move forward and occupy an important place in the hearts of the Brethren in the several communities in the State under such efficient leadership.

Your Reviewer regrets to say that our Grand Representative was also in attendance, also that Alberta was not included in the Report of Correspondence for 1953.

C. P. B.

MANITOBA — 1953

M.W. Grand Master, M.W. Brother Gordon A. McMorran.

Grand Master elected, M.W. Brother Harry H. Gray.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Brother T. C. Jackson, Winnipeg.

Lodges 111. Members 14,884. Gain 499.

Grand Representative in Manitoba for Alberta. R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr.

Grand Representative in Alberta for Manitoba, M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, P.G.M.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held in the Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg on June 3rd and 4th, 1953, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Gordon A. McMorran presiding.

The forefront of the Proceedings are adorned with a splendid photograph of our late King George attired in Scotch dress and wearing the regalia of Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, also a splendid photograph of the Grand Master of Manitoba, M.W. Bro. Gordon A. McMorran.

A large number of visitors were present including our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry E. Howard.

During the year two Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held, one to Consecrate and Constitute Harry Woods Lodge No. 164 in the village of Lundar, Manitoba and the other in the Town of Langdon, North Dakota. This was the occasion of a Joint International Area Meeting with the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. This International Meeting was opened by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. E. J. Franta of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, after which M.W. Bro. Gordon A. McMorran opened a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Quite a unique event.

93 Lodges were represented at Grand Lodge and 18 lodges were not represented. 550 duly accredited representatives were present also 82 Master Masons and 22 visitors, a total of 654.

The address of the M.W. Grand Master was very complete, he reported the eleven District Meetings were well attended and

organized and capably presided over by the District Deputy Grand Masters and the reports of the Secretaries showed considerable improvement. In addition to the District Meetings, Area Meetings are held in places where two or more Lodges can conveniently meet. Three Area Meetings were held this year and all were highly successful.

The M.W. Grand Master found time to attend the Annual Communications of several Sister Grand Jurisdictions and the Conferences at Banff, Montreal and Washington, D.C., altogether a very busy year, he also accepted invitations to attend a large number of lodges in his own Grand Jurisdiction.

27 Fifty-year Veterans were presented with their Fifty-year Jewels, may they be spared for many years in order to enjoy the distinction of wearing their Jewels.

Several new Grand Representatives were appointed during the year and Alberta's Grand Representative, R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr answered the roll call for us as he has done on many other occasions.

122 Dispensations were granted for various reasons throughout the year, the largest number, 47, to permit attendance at Divine Service wearing regalia. 259 Brethren answered the call of their Creator. To their families and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba we extend our sincerest sympathies. The request of two lodges to receive their Charters was granted. It was regrettable that the newly elected M.W. Grand Master, M.W. Brother Harry H. Gray was prevented by illness from being installed as Grand Master, this installation was held at a later date. I am very happy to report that M.W. Bro. Gray is now enjoying reasonably good health.

From the address of M.W. Brother McMorran we glean these lines:

"Then let us give ourselves to the task we assumed when first we took our solemn obligations, and dream and work for a world that will truly be the Temple of a Great Architect."

The next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba will be held in the Fort Garry Hotel, in the City of Winnipeg on June 2nd and 3rd, 1954.

S. H.

MARYLAND — 1952

The Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was opened on May 20, 1952, and the Annual Communication on November 18, 1952. Both Communications were held in the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, Maryland.

M.W. Grand Master Jacob S. New presided over these two important events. Many distinguished brethren attended the Annual Communication and it was noted that R.W. Jos. A. Hearn, D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, attended.

The membership results for the year, November 1, 1951, to October 31, 1952, showed a very satisfactory net gain of 841 members. The number of Master Masons raised during the year totalled 1,868 and those lost to the Craft totalled 1,027. Of those lost, 756 died. At the close of the year, the membership stood at 43,339.

The matter of carrying Public Liability insurance by Lodges was referred to by the Grand Master in his address. Instances were cited where Lodges were being sued for damages resulting from injuries allegedly sustained by individuals while on lodge property. It was the recommendation of the Grand Master that the Grand Lodge of Maryland and its subordinate lodges should thoroughly protect themselves by group insurance issued under a Master Policy held by Grand Lodge.

The Museum contains many interesting items of Masonic interest and age. Each year donors give many relics of historical value and the Museum is becoming a very important undertaking. Lectures are given by the Curator, Bro. J. W. Smith, whenever requested by lodges.

Worshipful Masters Elect are examined by a Committee appointed for the purpose. Examinations on Masonic Law and of the Masonic Digest are held. Lectures are also given by the Grand Lecturer, which all members of the Craft are invited to attend.

The Masonic Homes contain 140 guests, 110 of which are ladies and 30 brethren. The average age is 78 years.

Under the blood donor service, quotas are set for each lodge. In the year, 1,317 pints of blood were donated by the members.

M.W. Bro. John D. Hospelhorn was elected Grand Master and duly installed for the year 1952-53.

C. T. S.

MASSACHUSETTS — 1952

Four Quarterly, thirteen Special, and one Stated Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts were held during the year 1952, at all of which M.W. Thomas S. Roy, Grand Master, presided. Alberta's Representative attended the Quarterly Communication in March.

M.W. Bro. Roy made 99 visitations during the year spending more than a week in the Canal Zone. He attended fifteen Communications of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, including those of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

He issued 274 special dispensations, of which the greater number, 161, were to shorten time between degrees for Armed Forces personnel. Four new Lodges were Constituted and one Charter revoked, that of Talien Lodge, Dairen, South Manchuria.

From the report of the Relief Committee, submitted by R. Wor. Bro. Chas. H. Sargent, it is evident the Masonic Home is very well cared for, the manner in which the guests are looked after being worthy of the greatest praise. They endeavour to make the Home a real home in the true sense of the word, eliminating in every way possible the institutional element. Entertainment is provided through the medium of motion pictures, television, and radio, every guest having his or her own radio, thus being able to select the programme of special individual interest. Cost of maintenance at the Home was \$156,299 for the year or an average of \$1181 per resident.

Commenting on the Order of DeMolay, Grand Master Roy states: "I would go on record as commending those of our brethren who are sponsoring and supporting the work of the Order of DeMolay. This is an excellent body that has stood the test of years as a character-building force. Every community which has no Council of DeMolay nevertheless has boys who would profit from membership in DeMolay. I hope that Masters of Lodges in such communities will explore the possibility of sponsoring the organization of a Council. There can be no better investment in time and means than in the lives of the men of tomorrow!"

A set of standards is being prepared to determine a Master's right to a Past Masters Diploma. Evidently the award of these diplomas was to be on the basis of merit, and not for a year spent in the East. These have been given out in some instances to Masters who were unable to confer the Degrees, and who depended on others to do the work. Referring to Degree work Grand Master Roy declares "Let me urge upon those of you who are Masters to guard well the work of your Lodge. Especially should you warn degree teams that the work must be done with dignity and decorum. Reports of teams that overstep the bounds of propriety will result in a denial of their right to work in any of our Lodges. The Third Degree is serious business and the Grand Lodge will not tolerate its being turned into a playground for buffoons."

At the September Quarterly, the Grand Master addressed the Grand Lodge at some length in answering the anti-Masonic religious propaganda of certain branches of the Protestant Church. This has since been printed in pamphlet form and sent to all the Grand Jurisdictions with which the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is in correspondence. M.W. Bro. Roy, it should be noted is himself a Minister, and I regret space does not permit the full reproduction in this review of such an exceptionally fine address. I quote however, his closing paragraphs:

"We are not a religion, and we are not anti-religious. We are a completely tolerant organization. We stand for the values that are supreme in the life of the church, and we are sure that he who is true to the principles he learns in Freemasonry will be a better church member because of it. Indeed just the other day I heard the Rector of the largest Episcopal Church in another city say that he was a better Christian and a better Rector because of his Freemasonry. Freemasonry rightly conceived and practiced will enhance every worthy loyalty in a man's life. It will not

weaken a man's loyalty to his church, but will strengthen it by the increased sense of responsibility to God and dependence on God taught in our Ritual. It will not drain his strength from the service of the church, but increase his strength for the service of the church. It will not draw him away from the doctrines of his church, but stimulate his interest in the values of religion that enrich and enoble the life of man.

"As distinguished from the church or the synagogue, Freemasonry does not claim to know all there is to know about deity and therefore makes no assertion of infallibility. Our quest is for light, more light, further light; for truth, more truth, further truth. Because we do not claim to have received full light, to have a monopoly of, or a corner on, truth, we can claim to be a tolerant group. We believe that there should be some place where men can meet without having to assert or defend the peculiarities of their doctrines. There should be some place where men can meet and know that their right to worship God in their own way is respected completely; a place where a man learns that the only respect he can claim for his beliefs is the respect he accords to the beliefs of others. There should be some place where men can face the realities of life and know that the only barriers that separate men are those of ill-will and enmity. Freemasonry is that place, for it unites men in a unity that transcends the accidents of creed and class, a unity created by our common loyalty to the realities of religion as expressed by the prophet Micah twenty-seven hundred years ago when he wrote: 'He hath showed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.'"

There is no report from the Committee on Foreign Relations.

M.W. Bro. Thomas S. Roy was re-elected Grand Master, and duly installed at the Stated Communication on December 29th. The Grand Feast was held at 6:00 o'clock. The usual toasts were honored and a very fine address given by Right Worshipful Richard A. Kern, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Among other distinguished visitors who addressed the assembly was M.W. Bro. Nelson C. Hart, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

Membership August 31st, 1952: 121,415. Net gain: 2,245.

Grand Master: M.W. Bro. Thomas Sherrard Roy.

Grand Secretary: R.W. Bro. Earl W. Taylor.

L. D. N.

YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO, F. & A.M. — 1953

The M.W. Grand Lodge of Mexico, F.&A.M., held its 93rd Annual Communication at Mexico City on April 2nd, 1953, with M.W. Bro. George P. Friedmann, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, following which the Grand Representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions were presented. We note that the representative of Alberta was present.

The Past Grand Masters, of which there were eight in attendance, were then received and invited to the East.

The Grand Master gave a report of his official acts, and he stressed the importance of the lodges, as well as the Grand Lodge, giving greater attention to basing the election and appointments to office on Masonic merit.

He also suggested that the office of a Grand Representative implied responsibility and that more use be made of these appointments.

The Grand Secretary has had an active year and created a good impression during his first year in office, naturally having many suggestions for improvements to assist in making his office more useful.

Lodges 10; membership 611; net gain 32.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations quote from many other Jurisdictions, its views and quotations all pointing to the great need of caution to be exercised before extending recognition to the Grand Lodges seeking recognition.

The Grand Orator in an interesting discourse emphasized the necessity of building for the future through our guidance of the newer members in the established principles of our Order. Advocating the need of our sincerity in living up to the higher motives and not merely talking about them, he closed with this golden thought which he had recently encountered:

"In the good old days men planted avenues of trees which they would never live to see in their full richness; they laid down in their cellars bottles of good wine which they would never live to drink. These things they did for their sons because they had faith in the future and a belief in the permanence of things.

"So this is a year to plant sapling oaks and bottle young wine and to rejoice that we live in an age resplendent with opportunity."

M.W. Bro. Virgil E. Metcalfe, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Cantwell C. Brown, Grand Secretary.

C. S. B. L.

MINNESOTA — 1953

The M.W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota A.F. & A.M., held their one hundredth Annual Communication on March 1st, 1953, in the Masonic Temple in the City of St. Paul, with the Grand Master M.W. Bro. George W. Christie presiding.

Alberta's Grand Representative, W. Bro. Edwin J. Simon was present.

The National Colors and the Union Jack were presented, after which "God Save the Queen" and "America the Beautiful" were sung.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis asked the Grand Master to circularize his Lodges on behalf of their campaign. This he declined to do, as this Charity is not strictly Masonic.

Another Lodge was informed that they could not, as a Lodge, contribute to certain other charities, for the reason stated above.

A Lodge made an unusual request that someone wanted to pay the back dues for a deceased member who had been suspended previously and thus restore him to membership. It was ruled that there was no way in which a deceased brother could be restored to membership.

Dispensations were issued for two new Lodges at Richfield and Pine River.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. J. Arthur Hughes, gave a splendid address regarding the Centennial of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

Two Past Grand Masters passed to the Great Beyond during 1952 — M.W. Bro. Edmond Alexander Montgomery who was Grand Master in 1920, and M.W. Bro. Vernon Gates, Grand Master in 1946. We wish to express our sincerest sympathy with our Minnesota Brethren.

M.W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy presented a stone, which had been found in the rubble of the White House during repairs. This stone was accompanied by the following letter from the President of the United States, M.W. Bro. Harry S. Truman:

"The White House, Washington November 22nd 1952. Most Worthy Sir: Through the good offices of the ambassador of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia which is Masonically supreme in the Capital of the Nation, I place in your hands a stone taken from the walls of the White House during its just completed rebuilding. A sufficient number of these stones, each with a Masonic symbol on it, was discovered, to give one to each Grand Lodge in the United States. This evidence of a number of members of the Craft who built the President's official residence so eminently aligns Freemasonry with the formation and founding of our Government; and I believe your Grand Lodge will cherish this link between the Fraternity and the Government of the Nation of which the White House is a symbol. Sincerely and fraternally yours, Harry S. Truman." This was addressed to the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota. An engraving of the letter and the stone appear in these Grand Lodge Proceedings.

This being the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, a Pageant was presented immediately after the closing of Grand Lodge, depicting the formation of the first three Lodges in Minnesota (each under a different Grand Jurisdiction) and the formation of the Grand Lodge. This was followed by an extensive programme, which included a splendid address by M.W. Bro. Thomas S. Roy of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Centennial history of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota has now been prepared by W. Bro. Edward Johnston and a copy has been sent to each Lodge in Minnesota.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewed the Proceedings of 66 other Grand Lodges and included an excellent review of Alberta, which we greatly appreciate.

No of Chartered Lodges 290. Membership 65,017. Gain 1,147.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Herman T. Olson.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. John H. Tomhave.

W. A. B.

MISSISSIPPI — 1953

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, F. & A.M. was held at Jackson, on February 10th, 1953, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Watt Carter presiding.

The Grand Master travelled 45,000 miles and attended 164 meetings during his term of office.

Dispensations were issued for two new lodges, one at Plain and one at Centreville.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, M.W. Bro. Dr. J. Rice Williams stated that Schools of Instruction were held in seven Districts and his Deputies reported 292 days of lecturing, with a total attendance of 5,159 members.

A tribute to M.W. Bro. Dr. J. Rice Williams was given by M.W. Bro. Tom Q. Ellis. We quote the following paragraph from this address which will serve to show the esteem in which M.W. Bro. Williams is held in Mississippi.

"He is the greatest Mason — he's Mississippi's Number One of all time gone by and I predict that in the final chapter of the history down yonder at the end of time of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, that he will still be recognized and his memory shall be that of Mississippi's Number One Mason."

The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence had thirteen questions to deal with, which were submitted by subordinate Lodges. Twelve of these were answered by reference to the Williams Digest.

Alberta's Grand Representative, Bro. H. D. Corley was present at this communication.

The address of the Grand Orator, Bro. H. W. Griffiths, was very interesting, the subject being "Light and Darkness". We quote the following paragraph:

"Light and darkness have represented opposites from time immemorial. They are the basis of ancient Theology and proceed from the idea of the Active and the Passive forces in the Universe clamoring for the energies of mankind. Light became the first Divinity of the ancient and is coexistent with God. May we, therefore, for a few moments contemplate the basic need for light and for its dissemination among us all today."

We regret that we have not space to quote more of this excellent address.

There were 59 reviews of other Grand Lodge Proceedings in the report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee. There is a very good review of Alberta, which we appreciate and express our sincere thanks.

No. of Lodges 311. Membership 45,140. Gain 1,450.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Lawrence C. Corban.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Sid F. Curtis.

W. A. B.

MISSOURI — 1953

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri was held in the City of St. Louis, Missouri on September 29th, 1953. The Grand Master M.W. Bro. Richard O. Rumer presiding.

The total attendance at Grand Lodge was 1,153, there being 438 lodges represented. The Grand Master was well supported in the Great East by 18 Past Grand Masters.

The address by the M.W. Grand Master shows that he had a very busy and eventful year as Grand Master. His Visitations in his home state were numerous, and he also attended the Conference of Grand Masters held in Washington, D.C. and many other large meetings held outside the State of Missouri, indicating he did not spare himself in his efforts to serve his brethren and Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master reported the condition of Masonry in Missouri to be very good, stating there has been an increase of 34,774 members in the past 11 years and that a continued bright future appeared to be in sight.

A Masonic Home is operated by the Grand Lodge for its aged members and their widows, at present there are 270 guests, the average age being over 80 years.

The Fifty-year Membership Gold Button was presented to 216 old and esteemed brethren during the year.

Necrology — 2,173 Members received the call from the Great Architect of the Universe during the year. Our sympathies are extended to the members of their families and to the M.W. Grand Lodge of Missouri.

The Missouri Lodge of Research continues to carry on supplying the members with valuable and instructive information.

The M.W. Grand Master reported on the use of the word "Masonic" and of Masonic signs and symbols for commercial purposes, by a cemetery association and magazine publishers as a means of promoting their own personal gain, and effective efforts made to have these unworthy practices discontinued.

M.W. Bro. Camalier as representative of former President Harry S. Truman and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia presented to M.W. Bro. Harry S. Truman, Past Grand Master of Missouri, a stone with Masonic markings taken from the walls of the White House during its reconstruction. M.W. Bro. Truman in turn presented the stone to Grand Master Rumer for the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

The Fraternal Review known as "The Masonic World" by M.W. Bro. Ray V. Denslow, P.G.M., is an excellent review of the world, and worthy of a careful study for every member of the Craft. The report on various Foreign Grand Lodges seeking Fraternal Recognition is most instructive in outlining the chaotic state existing in many countries and their Grand Lodges.

No. of Chartered Lodges 594. Membership 120,196. Gain 2,196.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James M. Sellers.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Dr. H. L. Reader.

S. F. W.

MONTANA — 1952

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Chandler C. Cohagen.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Ralph N. Lodge.

Membership 24,690. Increase 491. Lodges 136.

On August 19th-20th, 1952 the Eighty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana was held at Helena, Montana. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Chandler C. Cohagen, presided and gave a comprehensive report of his stewardship for the year, which was marred by the passing of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Herbert L. Lange on January 23rd, 1952. A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held to conduct the funeral on January 26th, 1952. Two other Special Communications were held for the purpose of dedicating new Temples and one for the purpose of Instituting a new Lodge.

Alberta was well represented at the Communication by Grand Master M.W. Brother Harry E. Howard, who presented a Canadian Flag, and five Past Grand Masters. The visitations of M.W. Bro. Cohagen are listed and fill four pages, an indication of the heavy responsibility of office. We were happy indeed to be honored by a visit to our annual Communication in June, 1952 and we note the Grand Master's appreciative remarks concerning his visit to the Banff Conference.

A steady growth in membership is reported and the condition of Masonry is reported to be healthy in Montana. Instructors pay close attention to the Work of the Lodges, with the result that it is reported to be uniform and of high quality. Thirty-three members were awarded the Fifty-year Certificate and Badge during the year.

The Grand Master reports having attended the first session of the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference, which was born at a meeting of the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, held in the Washington National Memorial Auditorium during the Washington Conference.

The Grand Master also issued a Proclamation calling for the observance of Public Schools Week by all Lodges and urged all members to take an active interest in their Public Schools.

There is a wealth of statistical detail in the Proceedings, covering the operation of Grand Lodge and also the Masonic Homes. The average membership of Montana Lodges is given at 181.5, ranging from 26 to a high of 1,081. It is interesting to note that Members attending Grand Lodge are paid mileage and a per diem allowance and still 23 lodges were not represented. Alberta's representative, M.W. Bro. J. W. Speer was present.

E. H. R.

MONTANA — 1953

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. George Gilbert, Hoole.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Ralph N. Lodge.

Membership 24,879. Increase 189 (6 months). 138 Lodges.

The Eighty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana was held at Billings, Montana on August 18th-19th, 1953, M.W. Bro. George G. Hoole presided. The Grand Master of Alberta, M.W. Bro. Jackson was present, accompanied by M.W. Bro. George Moore and M.W. Bro. Sam Harris.

M.W. Bro. Hoole gave a detailed report of the work for the year from which the following items have been noted:

An Endowment Fund, recommended by the previous Grand Master was established, covering Grand Lodge Educational, Relief and Temple activities. The "Rocky Mountain Mason" was established under the Editorship of R.W. Bro. Rev. George Sloan.

The usual mid-year meeting of Grand Lodge Officers was held in December in the Library at Helena.

The Public Schools Week, Nov. 9-15, was supported by a Proclamation requesting the active support of all Lodges.

An interchange of visits with Lodges in Calgary, Alberta, was authorized, for the purpose of exemplifying degree work.

Appointed R.W. Bro. Rider Davis of Fort Macleod, Alberta as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Montana near Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Comments on the Work are interesting, especially that covering the dignity required in the second section of the Third Degree. The importance of the Investigating Committee's work is also stressed.

Sixty-five 50-year Certificates and Badges were presented during the year. Three Dispensations were issued to authorize formation of new Lodges.

M.W. Bro. George Hoole was prevented from attending the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta by floods, but we note that he attended the Banff Conference, together with R.W. Bro. Ralph N. Lodge.

The Reviews of Fraternal Correspondence are interesting, but Alberta is not favoured.

Since the Proceedings for 1953 were received we have heard with deep regret of the passing of the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Ralph N. Lodge on January 22nd, 1954. Bro. Lodge only held the office from 1951 but it is easy to see that he endeared himself to all Officers and Members of the Montana Jurisdiction and we offer our sincere fraternal sympathy in their great loss.

E. H. R.

NEBRASKA — 1953

M.W. Bro. Edward M. Knight, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.

276 Lodges. Membership 44,287. Gain 1,008.

The Ninety-sixth Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Omaha on June 9th, 10th and 11th, with M.W. Bro. Edward M. Knight, a native son, in the Chair. Brother Merle M. Hale, Grand Senior Deacon, had the pleasure of presenting 18 Past Grand Masters, to the meeting. Then followed the presentation of representatives from North Carolina, Illinois, Kansas, Colorado, as well as officials from the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Scottish Rite, Eastern Star, Masonic Home, and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for children. Finally the presentation of the Flag of the United States by Major Harold H. Thom, U.S. Army, retired.

A very interesting feature of the year's work was the presentation of the Gold Jordan Medal to Brother Edward Cronau, who was raised on Aug. 4th, 1882, and has been a member continuously since that time, a truly remarkable record.

During the year, the Grand Master, or his representative, visited 10 other jurisdictions and also the Annual Masonic Week at Washington, D.C., February 21st to 25th, where the Grand Masters' Conference was held and 7 representatives from Nebraska attended. This Conference is becoming international in character and recorded seven Canadian jurisdictions along with Cuba, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Argentine, Germany and several Mexican brethren.

The Temple Building Advisory Committee had a busy year in supervising and deciding upon the merits of different lodges in selling or improving their locations and ten applications were dealt with. The activity of these lodges in increasing their premises reminds us of the crowded conditions in many of our lodge quarters and the need for improved facilities if the lodges are to function to the utmost of their opportunities. This increased work caused the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master to recommend that the salaries of the Secretary and the Grand Custodian to be increased; that of the Grand Secretary from \$3,600 to \$6,000 and that of the Grand Custodian from \$3,000 to \$4,500.

The Report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans states: "What a magnificent Temple of Love is our Home at Plattsmouth. Beautiful beyond comparison, the residents, happy, contented and administered to with thoughtful and loving care . . . Likewise, we cannot overlook or forget our Home for Children at Fremont. These two fine homes typify our Masonic Love and Charity which will and does extend beyond the grave through the boundless realms of eternity! We are grateful to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and to Tangier Temple of the Shrine, for their hearty co-operation, when the investigations required their assistance."

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, of which the Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Master are ex-officio members of the

Board, presented a budget for \$47,665 for the year and recorded an enrollment of 47 children. The Nebraska Masonic Home reports the completion of a new structure to care for the needy sisters and brothers in their declining years. On May 2nd when "Open House" was held more than five thousand visitors were entertained. Thirty-two men and 54 women make up the list of occupants of this Home, the operation of which is financed by the proceeds of the \$2.00 per capita of dues and interest on endowments.

We find a common reading in the Report of the Committee on Work, when they state: "The Committee has received occasional requests that we recommend changes in the monitorial and esoteric work of this jurisdiction. The Committee feels that such proposals should not be considered unless most conclusive reasons exist for so doing . . . We point out that the function of this Committee is to preserve the work as adopted by this Grand Lodge. In the performance of this duty we think the recommendations for change should be conservatively treated and made only when a real necessity exists for so doing."

In the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, a recommendation is made that two lodges that had not been represented at the Grand Lodge meeting for three years, be cited to appear before this Committee at the next communication. The law provides that failure to be represented for two consecutive communications subjects the lodge to the loss of its charter.

In the Review of Foreign Correspondence, by M.W. Bro. William B. Wanner, the material is reported under special headings: General Conditions, Grand Lodge Publications, Historical Items, Section References, Masonic Stones, Gleanings. The reviewer has undertaken a very heavy task as sixty-seven volumes were read and the report summarizes the findings.

G. C.

NETHERLANDS — 1953

(The proceedings being printed in the Dutch Language, they were reviewed by Bro. D. Visser (51) and the report compiled by R.W. Bro. J. Booth).

Grand Master, Bro. L. J. J. Caron.

Grand Secretary, Bro. Dr. A. A. Galestin.

The Seventy-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands met in The Hague on June 21st, 1953, the Grand Master presiding, and a number of distinguished visitors were present.

The Grand Master's address indicated a very busy year. During the year the Masons permitted the Red Cross to use two of their Lodge Rooms to administer relief. There is evidence that the floods caused much privation and damage. Donations from Lodges amounted to 100,000 gilders whilst each Mason donated the equivalent of \$25.00. Help that was received from other Grand Jurisdictions is acknowledged gratefully.

Forty-one public meetings were held in Cities and Towns, organised by Lodges, to overcome superstition prevalent among the people and questions were invited regarding Freemasonry. The results were considered gratifying. It is recommended that further meetings be organised, as it is apparently believed that the public generally have a wrong conception of Freemasonry.

Two interesting items are that the Masonic Library and Records, confiscated by the Germans during the war were returned intact, and the Lodge in the Hague, L'union Royale No. 1 dates back to 1734 and now has a membership of 139.

NEVADA — 1953

The Eighty-ninth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Nevada was convened in the Masonic Hall at Winnemucca, Nevada, June 11th, 1953, Grand Master Richard H. Cowles, presiding.

Proceedings opened with the presentation of the Stars and Stripes, Bro. Francis Fisher paying a noble tribute, concluding his remarks declaring:

"As Masons we are pledged to obey the civil law and to uphold the moral code. Hence, it is up to us as Masons to be found always battling for the right 'as God gives the power to see the light' and in no better way, in no higher way, can we pay tribute to our Flag. Only by such careful watching and effort can we pass on this banner to our posterity as our progenitors gave it to us — so that future generations can meet in free assemblies like this and — with as much pride as we now feel — face that emblem of our democracy and repeat in unison: 'I pledge Allegiance to the Flag.'"

All present joined in repeating the Pledge of Allegiance.

Very Reverend Grand Chaplain, Bro. John T. Ledger conducted a very impressive memorial Service to departed brethren.

Grand Master Cowles visited all Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction and found peace and harmony prevailing. He regrets, however, there are not more young men petitioning for membership, stating "This is a sure indication that we should put in more time with our DeMolay boys and endeavour to interest the young men in our great Fraternity, for if we do not I predict that Masonry will be but a memory and another chapter in our history books before too many years go by." Later in his report, commenting on a visit from the DeMolay Boys of Southern California he says "I was deeply interested and very favorably impressed with their work. 'It is my opinion that we as Masons should put forth more effort to encourage these boys in the splendid work they are doing, and to interest all boys who come within our reach along fraternal lines, and in Masonry

in general, so that when they reach their majority they will be good Masonic timber and be the kind of men we desire to carry on the principles of our great fraternity."

Several dispensations were granted to allow brethren to sign the by-laws and receive dues cards without passing examination in the Third Degree. Most of these brethren were in the armed forces proceeding overseas. Two dispensations were denied to waive time limit required to petition for the Scottish Rite degrees.

The Grand Master installed the officers in 16 of the constituent Lodges. He issued a Proclamation to every Lodge requesting the week of April 27th to May 2nd be observed as Public School Week commenting "Brothers our public school system is being undermined by those who would have us share our school funds with others for the support of their religious schools."

A request from the Order of Amaranth to be allowed to enter the State of Nevada, was, after due discussion, denied.

A special report was presented by the Finance Committee with regard to liability insurance. The plan adopted by the Grand Lodge of California was recommended, which covers liability arising from all or any activity of the Grand Lodge and such constituent Lodges as elect to be included. The cost is small, amounting to less than 20 cents per member, and includes food products liability. This matter of Public Liability Insurance is also being considered at the present time by the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Germany with exchange of Representatives was given approval.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. Stanley D. Sundeen, addressed the Grand Lodge on "Duty". If every brother read this oration we feel sure he would give more thought to the duty we owe to God, our country, our neighbor, our family, and ourself.

The Masonic Service Committee suggests steps be taken to form the different Lodges throughout Nevada into Jurisdictional units, so that joint meetings could be held by the several Lodges within reasonable distance for the purpose of Masonic education and fellowship. The incoming committee will work this plan out in detail.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by M.W. Bro. E. C. Peterson, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary. Alberta is given a fine report. Thank you Bro. Peterson.

Lodges 27. Membership 4,861. Net Gain 134.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Carl O. Gelmstedt.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Edward C. Peterson.

L. D. N.

NEW BRUNSWICK — 1953

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. William Duncan.

Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Robt. D. Magee.

Lodges 46; membership 8,652; increase 226.

The 86th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held in St. John on August 27th, 1953. Four Lodges were not represented. Alberta's Representative, R.W. Brother Peter Fraser, was in attendance.

M.W. Bro. Duncan, in his report on the year's work, made particular reference to the growth of the Order and the number of Petitions received. The need for careful work by investigation committees was stressed and it was pointed out that large membership or large lodges should not be our ambition "but to do our part to improve man to the betterment of mankind and have more 'Masonic' Lodges rather than Lodges of Master Masons."

Dispensations were refused for working on more candidates than the Constitution allows, and to shorten the stated interval between Degrees. It is pointed out that some Jurisdictions require a year between Degrees.

Three Lodges availed themselves of the special privilege of using gold trim on their regalia, signifying the years of service of their respective Lodges.

One Lodge—Keith No. 23—celebrated its one hundredth anniversary.

On the educational side it is noted that V.W. Bro. H. I. Knowles prepared a book, "More Light on Freemasonry," which was mailed to each candidate by the Grand Secretary as soon as he became a Master Mason. The monthly educational Bulletin was apparently discontinued.

M.W. Bro. Ralph Titus Pearson was elected and installed as Grand Master.

E. H. R.

NEWFOUNDLAND — 1953

District Grand Master, R.W. Bro. George R. Williams, M.B.E.

District Grand Secretary, W. Bro. A. G. Miles.

Lodges 18; membership 2,088; increase 67.

The District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland under the United Grand Lodge of England, met in Semi-Annual Communication at St. John's on November 26th, 1952, and the 82nd Annual Communication was held at St. John's on April 29th, 1953. The District Grand Master, R.W. Brother George R. Williams, M.B.E., presided at the Communications and reported on his stewardship. The report, in the form of a

diary, enables the reader to travel around and visualize the many meetings that were attended and the difficulties of travel that had to be overcome.

It is reported that the District Grand Lodge of Scotland held their Communication in the same Temple at St. John's on the same day (November 26th) and a delegation was sent to convey fraternal greetings.

"Canam" Lodge 7210 E.C. Stephenville was Consecrated and Constituted September 23, 1952. The name of the Lodge is from "Canadian American."

Tribute was paid to W. Bro. Hon. J. S. Currie, Deputy District Grand Master who had completed fifty years of service to the Craft, forty-eight years in office. Brother Currie has served under four District Grand Masters, an enviable record.

There were 115 initiations during the year. It is also noted that a "Masonic Convention" was being arranged for October 12, 13 and 14, 1953. Following a directive from the United Grand Lodge of England, recommending the establishment of a benevolent fund, a Motion to this effect carried. A legacy of \$500.00 from a deceased Brother forms the nucleus of the fund.

We are happy to see that Representatives attended the Third Biennial Conference of Canadian Grand and District Lodges and hope we shall see them at future Conferences.

E. H. R.

NEW HAMPSHIRE — 1953

M.W. Bro. Harold C. McAllister, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. J. Melvin Dresser, P.G.M., Grand Secretary.

Lodges 81; membership 16,401; increase 230.

The 164th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was held in Manchester on May 21st, 1953. Seventy-seven of the 81 Lodges were represented; Alberta's Representative was not listed as being in attendance. During the year there were three 150-year anniversaries and two 125-year anniversaries. It is an old Jurisdiction, but there are not many Lodges for the number of members. There were 62 50-year medals presented, 38 being presented by the M.W. The Grand Master.

The Communication agreed to increase the assessment of members from \$1.25 to \$1.50 and to set aside .50c for Masonic Home maintenance. It also approved an additional assessment of .50c per member for Masonic Service Association hospitalization program.

No action was taken in regard to requests for recognition of other Grand Lodges and the recognition previously granted to the United Grand Lodge of Germany was withheld.

It is very interesting to note that at a Semi-Annual Meeting held on November 18th, 1952, three separate Lodges demonstrated each of the three Degrees and the Ritualistic work was commented on and corrected by the Grand Lecturer. Alberta was not included in the Reviews published.

M.W. Bro. Walter E. Dunlap was elected and installed as Grand Master.

E. H. R. ¹

NEW JERSEY — 1953

The One Hundred and Sixty-sixth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Atlantic City April 22nd and 23rd, A.D., 1953. M.W. Bro. Adrien B. Hommell presiding. Alberta's Grand Representative R.W. Bro. John R. Wiltsie present. 220 of the Brethren were presented with 50-year tokens. The Grand Master felt that these should be presented by him and that as it was impossible to visit each Lodge, they held a Gold Token Presentation Night in each district, to honor these Brethren.

I note that the Grand Master as usual was a very busy man, it takes 17 pages to list his visitations.

M.W. Bro. Edward E. Clough of Delaware spoke on behalf of the visitors for the Middle Atlantic States. He said: "My brethren, to be a Mason is a great honor and something to be proud of. Let us remember those things that we have been taught in our Masonic Lodges. Wherever we may be, let us always act the part of a Mason, and by our actions in the community and in those places where we travel and are known as Masons, Freemasonry will be judged. If Masons everywhere faithfully practice the precepts enjoined upon them in their lodges, we need not be afraid of Communism, or any kind of ism. They have a Masonic Bureau for employment to "Help a Brother Help Himself". They received 843 applications and got permanent positions for 519, a very worth-while record.

In the report of Masonic Home, shows a total of 211 guests, with an average age of 82. They have an approved waiting list of 36. The per capita cost per year was \$1,334.09. The Grand Master asked for Thanksgiving Day donations for the home, and the lodges responded with over \$60,000. Alberta receives very favorable comment in the reviews of other Grand Lodges. M.W. Bro. John C. Barbour was elected and installed as Grand Master.

Lodges 283. Membership 99,270. Gain 2,066.

T. A. M.

NEW MEXICO — 1953

The Seventy-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Mexico was held at Albuquerque on Monday, March 16th, 1953 with Grand Master Richard W. Thorne in the Grand East. All Grand Officers were in attendance, and fifty-five of the fifty-nine Lodges were represented. Fifteen Past Grand Masters registered together with forty-six Grand Representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions. We were glad to note

W. Bro. Herbert C. Denny, Alberta's Grand Representative was present, he being the only one from a Canadian Lodge to answer the roll call.

The majority of dispensations granted by the Grand Master were to elect and/or, install out of time. He refused to grant dispensation to form a Lodge at Metz, France and declined the request of Grand High Priest, Daniel B. Jett to give short talks in the Masonic Lodges of New Mexico on Royal Arch Masonry. He favored dual membership and recommended that a committee be appointed to study the matter and report to the next Annual Communication. This recommendation did not receive the approval of Grand Lodge, the Committee on the Grand Master's Address stating "We do not believe dual membership is wise, nor would it serve any useful purpose."

Grand Master Thorne concluded his address to Grand Lodge with the following: "I cannot close this report of my activities without again calling to your attention that we must live our Masonry, make it a part of our daily lives, a part of the American way of life. May I leave this thought with you?

"What of your Masonry? Is it put by?

Doffed with your Apron, forgotten to lie

Dormant and void, inefficient and vain

"Till in the Lodge Room you resume it again?

Listen my Brothers! True Masonry dwells

Out in the world, not in dungeons and cells.

It feeds the hungry, soothes the distressed,

Lifts those that languish, aids the oppressed.

Masonry's place is in the shop, street and store

Fully as well as behind the Tiled Door.

'Tis not a thing to be hidden away;

It should be used and worn each day."

A motion to omit from the Proceedings the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was not adopted, neither was the recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances that a brother reaching the station of Warden of a Lodge be required to attend Grand Lodge sessions before being elected Worshipful Master of his Lodge.

The Proceedings of forty-six Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed under the Chairmanship of M.W. Bro. John Milne, P.G.M. but we regret Alberta is not included.

Lodges 59. Membership 12,182. Gain 531.

Grand Master: M.W. Bro. Rhea M. DeOlivera, Tucumcari.

Grand Secretary: R.W. Bro. Chandler C. Thomas, Albuquerque.

L. D. N.

NEW SOUTH WALES — 1952 and 1953

M.W. Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H.E. Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Northcott, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.V.O.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. J. S. Miller.

Lodges 809; membership 126,040.

The 65th Annual Communication held in the City of Sydney, New South Wales, on June 10th, 1953.

This Grand Lodge held four Quarterly and two Special Communications, these latter two were held (one in August, 1952, for the purpose of installing the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers, and the other two days before the June Quarterly) for the purpose of nomination of Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year.

An interesting feature is that M.W. Bro. Sir John Northcott again received the nomination for Grand Master. Reviewing the proceedings of his term of office leaves no doubt of the exceptional manner he has carried out his duties and of the wisdom of the members of this Grand Lodge in asking him to act for another year.

Two features of the proceedings that one finds most interesting are, first, the reports of the many visitations of the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers. The many special occasions such as Consecrations and Installations indicate the healthy growth of Masonry in this great Sister Jurisdiction. Secondly, the report of the Official Grand Lodge Lecturers. There are 18 of these having 130 very interesting topics, covering every phase of Masonry. If one was able and had the opportunity to attend all of these during his Masonic career I'm sure he would be almost overwhelmed with the extensiveness of Masonry.

In the report of the Grand Master's address of December, 1951, by M.W. Bro. John Hodgson, he makes special mention of his trip with the Grand Secretary to the Installation of the M.W. The Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. He relates of the many visits with other Grand Lodges on his way there and on his return trip. It is significant to mention from his report that one of the last acts of our late King George VI was called upon to do was to act as the Installing Officer of this occasion, but due to illness was unable to attend. In his message to the Grand Lodge assembled expressing his regret in being unable to be present, these words are to be found: "I pray to the Grand Architect of the Universe that the Craft will continue to maintain that beneficial influence which has characterized it in the past. The world today does require spiritual and moral regeneration. I have no doubt after many years as a member of our Order, that Freemasonry can play a most vital part in this vital need." Inasmuch as our beloved King died two months later it could be assumed that this was his final message to all Masons. The memorial service which is given in full is truly a wonderful tribute to our late King.

The final Communication of this Grand Lodge opened with a short service to commemorate the Coronation of Her Majesty the Queen. The Grand Master in his address pledged the loyalty of all Masons in his jurisdiction. He also outlined the ritual of the magnificent coronation service and showed how closely it follows the pattern and procedure of our work. The Chair, the Oath, the Jewels, its Proclamation and the presentation of the Holy Book are all familiar to us. He concludes his remarks on this ceremony with: "We are closely associated, possibly more so than any other part of the community, with the Coronation ceremony which has taken place at Westminster."

It is noted with interest that our representative, Rt. W. Bro. T. L. Warren, Deputy Grand Master, takes a very active part in the affairs of his Grand Lodge and has acted on many occasions at the Installations and Consecration of Lodges.

There are interesting reviews of about 40 other Grand Lodges and it is most pleasing to us to see the excellent review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The inclusion of about a dozen short Masonic poems at the end of the Proceedings is a very pleasant feature, and will no doubt instil in the minds of its many readers considerable reflection.

W. H. J.

NEW YORK — 1953

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Ward B. Arbury.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Edward R. Carman.

Lodges 1,062; membership 303,025; increase 2,052.

The 172nd Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was held in New York on May 5th, 1953. The Grand Master presided. The Grand Master's Address is most informative and covers all phases of the work accomplished during the year. The Committee on the Grand Master's address state "it is a masterpiece of sound and constructive Masonic statesmanship," a well deserved tribute.

It is noted that a representative from the Grand Lodge of New York was sent to visit the Grand Lodges of Germany, the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Scotland to look into matters concerning the welfare of the Craft. He reports being most courteously received and the Grand Master was pleased with the reports received, as a result of which recognition was extended to the United Grand Lodge of Germany, as well as to the Grand Lodges of Iceland, Greece and Vienna for Austria.

A Public Relations Committee operates in this Jurisdiction; it arranges Masonic breakfasts and special meetings for important events. During the year that was being reported on, this Committee had reorganized the magazine and the official publication is now the Empire State Mason. It is reported as being enthusiastically received.

The Grand Master appointed a Committee on Masonic Fellowship for the purpose of encouraging the development of choral societies, camera clubs, sport leagues and study clubs, etc. It is reported that groups such as this have for years been making a splendid contribution to Masonry.

A Masonic Symphony Orchestra was organised in New York City and is reported as being very successful. As a result of their success it was recommended that the Committee on Masonic Fellowship be continued as a Special Committee of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master agrees with the opinion that had been expressed at the Washington Conference that there should not be a Committee on Foreign correspondence as there is nothing 'Foreign' known within the Craft. He recommended that the Committee should be renamed 'Committee on Relations with other Masonic Jurisdictions'.

Masonic Education receives special mention and the Washington Conference of Grand Secretaries and the Midwestern Conference held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa are mentioned. The need of dissemination of Masonic knowledge is stressed, the variation in the time that must elapse between degrees, in different Jurisdictions (from two weeks to one year) is mentioned and the need for thorough instruction in each degree is given emphasis. The Grand Master states that he detects a growing sentiment among Masons everywhere . . . to give to the degree and title Master Mason the dignity and distinction it deserves.

It is noted in the Grand Secretary's report that he, at the request of the Grand Master, conducted area meetings with Lodge Secretaries. These meetings were well attended and gave an opportunity for a better understanding of the problems.

It is very pleasing to note that the award for Distinguished Achievement was given to R.W. Bro. Sir Alexander Fleming, of Scotland and England, a generous acceptance of a Brother from another Jurisdiction.

The report of the Judge Advocate includes a question as to whether the new translation of the Bible is permissible of use in the Lodges. After discussing the three previous translations and stating the fact that the original work was in a language that few members of our Order understand the ruling is given, 'So long as given Lodge selects and displays any translation which has received the approval of some responsible ecclesiastical authority of the Christian world, the legal requirements of the Fraternity in this regard are satisfied.'

Another Lodge proposed to have a team of Fellowcrafts visit from Canada and proposed to charge a fee for admission, in order to defray expenses. Permission to do this was refused, with the advice that Freemasonry could not be commercialised.

We are happy to see a quotation from our Past Grand Master Leroy W. Bond included in the reviews of Proceedings.

Grand Master Ward B. Arbury was re-elected for a further term.

E. H. R.

NEW ZEALAND — 1952

The Sixty-third Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Dunedin on Wednesday, the 26th day of November, 1952, with M.W. Bro. John C. Barclay, the Grand Master, presiding.

R.W. Bro. Adam Smith, Past Deputy Grand Master, was elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

We notice contributions by the Lodges for the year for the various Benevolent and other activities of Grand Lodge amounted to over £21,000, which would be roughly \$46,000 in Canadian currency. Of this amount approximately \$37,000 was contributed to the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund. In presenting his Report for the year V.W. Bro. R. B. Magee, President of the Board of Benevolence, suggested "that brethren should set aside a penny out of every pound earned. This would be very easy to do and would ensure a return of £1 per capita per annum, at least. The forfeiting of a couple of packets of cigarettes a month would mean a great uplift to the fund. He exhorted the Masters and Wardens of lodges to take a little more active interest in this important phase of their work, and asked the brethren in general to remember that "the supreme glory of life consists not in getting but in giving ministering to but not being ministered to."

The Board of General Purposes received, considered and adopted the following report from the Committee set up on the 27th June, 1952, to consider the matter of the Order of Eastern Star. In order that our readers may have an accurate understanding of the Board's findings we reproduce in full that section of the Proceedings. It reads as follows:—

"The Board is informed that some members of Lodges have attended meetings of this organization. The Craft is not concerned with bodies which do not claim to be Masonic, and do not make Freemasonry a test of participation in their meetings. The Board is satisfied, however, that this organization touches Freemasonry at two points: (1) It restricts membership to Master Masons in good standing, and to certain of their female relatives; (2) It requires that there shall be present at certain of its ceremonies a Freemason in good standing. The Board has no grounds for questioning the good intentions and useful service of this organization; these, however, are beside the point. What is material is that the organization is both one which admits women, and one which, in the way explained, is quasi-Masonic. After long and careful consideration, and after putting itself in communication with the Masonic authorities of the United Grand Lodge of England and of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, the Board recommends that our attitude should be that of those Grand Lodges, and that we should definitely take up the stand that any brother of the Craft who associates himself with this or any similar organization is guilty of Masonic irregularity. As the seriousness of such conduct may not have been realized by Brethren who have hitherto participated in this organization's activities, the Board would be reluctant to take proceedings in respect of past occurrences; but recommends that besides adoption of this

report, which will enable representatives of Lodges to report to their Lodges the decision of Grand Lodge, a notification be embodied permanently in the Board's collected rulings, in the terms following:—

QUASI-MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS ADMITTING WOMEN

Every Freemason is guilty of Masonic irregularity who associates himself with any organization to which women are admitted and which uses as a condition of membership the status of being a Freemason or being related to a Freemason, or is any other way quasi-Masonic in its character. Such conduct on the part of a member of a Lodge holding jurisdiction under Grand Lodge renders him liable to disciplinary proceedings."

Subsequently, this ruling by the Board was upheld and adopted by Grand Lodge.

We regret to read that R.W. Bro. H. A. Lamb, the Grand Secretary, has been compelled to resign owing to ill health. He has been succeeded in this office by V.W. Bro. F. G. Northern, P.G.D., who took over his duties on the 1st January, 1953. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Barclay, speaking of the retirement of Brother Lamb, said in part, "His elevation to the office of Past Pro. Grand Master was evidence of the appreciation of the brethren of R.W. Bro. Lamb's outstanding service to the Craft as Grand Secretary during the past nineteen years."

The newly installed Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Adam Smith, in his address to the Brethren assembled, said, among other things, "Have you ever thought as to why our institution has continued to grow and to hold the respect of the world at large? It attracts men of all nations, of all creeds, and of all stations of life. It cannot be on account of the badge we wear, for it is not shown to the outside world. Nor can it be on account of our lodge rooms. If they were all magnificent buildings they would undoubtedly impress the public. But this is not so, and whether it be an imposing building or a bare country hall, our teachings are the same and they are the attraction. Put shortly, the aim of Speculative Freemasonry is to build men and to encourage them to take an interest in their fellow men. Our Order is founded on the Grand Principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and teachings based on such a sure foundation cannot do otherwise than continue to attract men."

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Adam Smith.

Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. F. G. Northern, P.G.D.

Number of Lodges 368. Membership 39,794.

M. J. B.

NORTH CAROLINA — 1952

The One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was held at Greensboro, N.C., on April 15th, 1952 with Most Wor. Bro. Herbert Miles Foy, Grand Master, presiding. A net gain of 1,811 was made in membership, the total now reaching 52,251.

Grand Representatives of twenty foreign jurisdictions were present.

Most Wor. Bro. Hubert M. Poteat, Past Grand Master is also the Grand Orator of North Carolina and will be readily recalled as having delivered the soul-stirring message at the Banquet of Grand Lodge, held in Calgary, Alberta on Wednesday, June 13th, 1951. Not only was allusion made to this fact in these North Carolina Proceedings but specific reference was made to the fact of M. Wor. Bro. Poteat being made an Honorary Past Grand Master of Alberta Grand Lodge and in addition a photograph of the Certificate of Honorary Membership appears in these Proceedings.

Most Wor. Bro. Chas. B. Newcomb, Past Grand Master, was the Special Representative of North Carolina to the United Grand Lodge of England on the occasion of the installation of Rt. Hon. Earl of Scarborough, K.G., G.C.S., I.G.C.T.D., as the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, on November 6th, 1951. He was indeed a very effective and efficient representative. His report in these Proceedings makes very delightful and informative reading. He mentions that promptly at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, November 6th, 1951, as previously announced the procession entered the Hall where the ceremonies were to be held and that, after all the deputations had been seated, the entire assembly were called up to salute the various deputations at one time.

We, in Alberta, were particularly glad to learn that Most Wor. Chas. B. Newcomb accepted the invitation and attended a meeting of Canada Lodge, No. 3527 London, England held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 7th, 1951. One paragraph of his account of this visit to Canada Lodge reads as follows: "At seven-thirty o'clock, following the lodge meeting, we were royally entertained at dinner by our brethren of Canada Lodge. There was a very fine attendance at this event, and it was animated by a fine spirit of fellowship. I was impressed by the brevity of the addresses, in every instance when we were at table, it seemed that the speaker knew what he intended to say, that he said it and then sat down; also, the program was not loaded with formal addresses, time out was given for a social chat with the fellow on each side of you and with the one across the table. This friendly meeting came to an end about midnight."

Facsimiles also appear in these Proceedings of Most Wor. Bro. Chas. B. Newcomb's Commission and Jewel of Grand Representative of United Grand Lodge of England and Grand Master Foy's Commission to M.W. Bro. Newcomb.

Past Grand Master M. Wor. Bro. Wallace E. Caldwell, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence has a fine article in these Proceedings entitled "Will You Plan Ahead".

The Grand Master M. Wor. Bro. Hubert Miles Foy, in his lengthy and detailed address, dealt with a large number of matters. Some of his highlight remarks were "The economic condition of Grand Lodge

and practically all of the subordinate lodges was excellent. The spirit of Masonry is abroad in the land and almost everywhere we hear of outstanding meetings being held with programs of interest and worth. To me, the most far-reaching question confronting Masonry today and the most important one for the future of our Fraternity, if we are to hold the interest and loyalty of intelligent people, is the question of Masonic Education." Aye. aye, says your Reviewer.

E. G. E.

NORTH CAROLINA — 1953

The One Hundred and Sixty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was held in the City of Charlotte, N.C., April 21st, 1953, with Most Wor. Bro. William Henry White, Grand Master, presiding. Grand Representatives were present from thirty Grand Lodges in the United States of America and from thirty-eight foreign jurisdictions. We are glad to see that Alberta's Grand Representative R. Wor. Bro. Joseph G. Miller was among them.

The net gain in membership was 1,881 bringing the total to 54,127. There are three hundred and thirty-five lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Credentials Committee reported an audience of 727.

The Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. W. H. White, in his address, mentions that he attended forty-three District Meetings during the first six months of his term. In speaking of the Board of Custodians he says "This Grand Lodge is fortunate in the calibre of men composing our Board of Custodians, as well as the intense interest and practical knowledge which each of the members of this Board displays in our ritualistic work. These Brethren are zealous in their efforts to see that our ritualistic work is preserved in its purity, and that it is taught and practiced only as authorized by this Grand Lodge, permitting no changes except those infrequent changes made and approved by this Grand Lodge."

He also reported that through 1952 the Grand Lodge of North Carolina had contributed the sum of \$87,756.60 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia.

The Past Grand Masters of North Carolina must be a very valiant and faithful body of men for the Grand Master registered several times his recognition of and appreciation for the assistance they had given him and Grand Lodge.

The matter of one story lodge rooms was discussed, as was done by the previous Grand Master. Approval for the erection and use of such buildings as lodge rooms was given provided that these lodge rooms were sound proof at all times and in all respects when used as a lodge room, and also safe from cowans and eaves-droppers.

Further on the Grand Master reports that "Of our 335 lodges three hundred and thirty-three filed their returns with the Grand Secretary on time. The remaining two lodges were only two days late with their reports."

Forty-two Grand Lodge of North Carolina Veteran Emblems (Fifty year emblems) were presented during 1952.

The address of the Grand Orator W. Bro. Howard F. Newman entitled "The Mission of Masonry in the Twentieth Century" is a challenging discourse delivered in a manner bound to awaken his listeners to serious and immediate thought. Two paragraphs are quoted hereunder:

"Masonry casts vote for men rather than materials. The Chinese have a proverb YOU CANNOT CARVE ROTTEN WOOD. The first order of Masonry is to produce men -- men with spiritual minds and invincible morals. In the obligations of Masonry finds a spiritual bulwark. Men can see higher from the vantage point of their knees than from any other position.

Strong men are free men. Only three times in history did the enemy succeed in breaking through the great wall around China. Each time the Chinese were betrayed by their own watchmen at the gates. No system is stronger than the men in it. Totalitarianism is the resort of weakness and the lack of discipline. When men fail to strengthen themselves from within they become ruled from without."

In the Reviews Most Wor. Bro. Wallace E. Caldwell, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence deals with a number of Grand Lodges and the Conference of Grand Masters in North America held in Washington, D.C. Feb. 24th and 25th, 1953. In connection with the latter he says that "Most Wor. Bro. Harry E. Howard, Grand Master of Alberta, presented a paper on "The Philosophy of the First Degree" which seems to me of such interest and importance that I have added it in toto to this report. Then the address appears in its entirety.

We, in Alberta, are indeed proud and happy that Most Wor. Bro. W. E. Caldwell has made this address available to a further enlarged reading audience. We voice our appreciation and thanks.

E. G. E.

NORTH DAKOTA — 1953

The Sixty-four Annual Communication was held at Fargo, June 15th, 16th, and 17th.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Ed. J. Franta.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Harold S. Pond.

Lodges 118. Members 14,352. Net Gain 220.

Following the opening of the Invocation by the Grand Chaplain, the distinguished visitors were introduced and received with the honors due their stations.

Grand Jurisdictions of Alberta, Manitoba, Minnesota, Montana and South Dakota were represented. Representatives from Alberta were M.W. Bros. Harry Howard and George Ellis.

The following co-ordinate bodies were represented; the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Royal and Select Masters, and the Knights Templar.

The Grand Master in his address reporting on the State of the Craft commented on the benefits and noticeable increase of interest in outdoor summer meetings of which there has been a great increase in recent years, thus bridging the gap of the usual summer recess and maintaining Masonic interest throughout the year. He added "Practically all lodges along the northern edge of the State are serving Masonry more fully because of their visitations back and forth with the Canadian Masons. The entire Masonic world will be benefitted as it realizes what such relations can do . . ."

In other directions also progress is encouraging; the increase in membership this year, though modest by comparison with some jurisdictions, is the largest in years; the change in the date of election and installation (now in May) of subordinate lodges instituted last year gives every indication of satisfaction, the principal advantage being that Worshipful Masters and Officers now have the Grand Lodge Communication and the fall District Meetings come early in their active years to give them instructive inspiration for the job ahead.

The Grand Lodge Bulletin published quarterly is comprised principally of News Reports of activities of the Grand Master's office with such space as may be left devoted to educational matter. The distribution among the membership does not appear to be extensive.

The above is supplemented by Lodge publications called Trestle Boards at intervals during the year but these do not appear to be too successful for educational purposes. A definite program is reported to have been formulated but so far is only in the development stage.

The quota of voluntary contributions from members of constituent lodges to the Masonic War Chest, an organization for the maintenance of hospital visitors in the Veterans Hospital was exceeded by a comfortable margin. Operations are under the Welfare Department of the Masonic Service Assn. of the U.S. The latter acted as a centralized collection agency for Grand Jurisdictions' contributions to a relief fund for Masonic Brethren in Holland who suffered from the devastating floods in that country recently. The sum of \$300 was contributed from the Grand Lodge Relief Fund. The total of all sums contributed were transmitted to the Grand Lodge of Holland.

The address of the Grand Orator, W. Bro. Nels G. Johnson on the topic of "What is Good" was an excellent discourse on the subject. Speaking in simple and direct terms he covered almost the entire range of every day living and convincingly pictured a practical way of life in Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

To quote any part of the address as worthy of special mention would be to slight the remainder.

The next Annual Communication is scheduled to be held at Grand Forks, June 14th, 15th, and 16th, 1954.

Officers for the ensuing year:

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John A. Graham.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Harold S. Pond.

F. J. K.

NOVA SCOTIA — 1953

The Eighty-eighth Annual Communication of M.W. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held in the town of Lunenburg, N.S. on Monday, June 15th, 1953 with M.W. Bro. Dr. Perry S. Cochrane, Grand Master on the throne.

As a prologue to the opening of Grand Lodge the members attended Divine Service at St. John's Anglican Church on the Sunday Evening preceeding when Bro. the Ven. Ralph Fowlow, Rector of the Parish conducted the service with the sermon by R.W. Bro. Canon Stanley Walker, D.D. Grand Chaplain.

A number of distinguished brethren were introduced to the Grand Master including V.W. Bro. Sir Henry G. Howard, Past Asst. Grand Superintendent of Works, United Grand Lodge of England and M.W. Bro. Thomas S. Roy, D.D. Grand Master in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The address of the Grand Master is indeed very short and to the point, acknowledging the many courtesies extended to him and reporting on the condition of Masonry in his jurisdiction. However, from the schedule of work attached to his address it can be seen that the Grand Master did a good job of work, besides attending 12 district meetings, he dedicated one Temple, constituted and consecrated two lodges and instituted two, attended many Lodge Meetings and several Grand Lodge Communications outside his jurisdiction.

The Report of the Grand Secretary shows a net increase in membership of 238, two new Lodges were formed bringing the total up to 119.

The Advisory Board recommends that Lodge secretaries be given some recognition for their services and suggests a medal or jewel be presented to those of twenty-five years or more in that office.

A survey made by the board discloses that one secretary has several 39 years and 11 would be due for recognition this year at the District Meetings.

Fraternal recognition was extended to Austria and Greece; applications from Germany and Israel were received but no action was recommended. The situations existing in Germany and Peru are fully outlined in the report.

The Review of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges is from the pen of M.W. Bro. R.V. Harris and partakes of the nature of a topical review quoting largely from the addresses of the Grand Masters and others as indicating the progress of the Craft throughout the World. One interesting item mentioned is the initiation of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh in Navy Lodge No. 2612, thus maintaining the long line the Royal House and the United Grand Lodge of England have enjoyed in treasured association.

W. I.

Dr. Perry S. Cochrane,
Grand Master.

OHIO — 1952

The One Hundred Forty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was held in October 17 and 18, 1952, in Taft Auditorium, Cincinnati, Ohio. M.W. Grand Master Wm. M. Judd presided over the deliberations.

M.W. Bro. N. C. Hart, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario was among the many distinguished brethren who attended.

The 200th Anniversary of the initiation of George Washington into Masonry was observed on November 4th, 1952.

Liability insurance was recommended by the Grand Master against risk of accidents occurring to individuals while on lodge property, particularly when the property is in use by other organizations.

The Grand Master reported being "disturbed by a number of officers of our Subordinate Lodges who seem to lack a sense of responsibility to their Lodge and Masonry . . . I realize that there are other functions of officers which go to make up a good Lodge, and I am not discounting them in any way, but it seems to me that the proper rendition of the Ritual, giving lectures and charges and explaining the symbolic meaning of our emblems and working tools is the very essence of Freemasonry and the cement which binds us together as Masons."

He later had this to say, "If I were inclined to advise you in any way, it would be that you forever guard with searching eye the entrance door to your Lodges. There seems to be a growing tendency on the part of our Brethren to lower the standards and requirements for admission into our Lodges . . . While you should

be ever anxious to enlarge the rolls of our Lodges with good material, never let your zeal to increase the Institution numerically lead you into the mistake of introducing persons who would debase it morally."

A net increase of 5,115 members was shown for the year, bringing the total to 265,551 members. The number of Master Masons raised was 10,394 with a total of 4,438 deaths being reported.

The guests, resident in the Ohio Masonic Home on June 30, 1952, totalled 533 adults and children. The average cost per resident was \$3.60 per day.

The Committee on Masonic Service mailed to all lodges its "Short Talk Bulletin". This is a monthly bulletin and each issue deals with a single topic of Masonic interest. Other publications and services were made available to the brethren throughout the year.

M.W. Bro. Thomas A. Reber was elected Grand Master and duly installed into that office.

C. T. S.

OKLAHOMA — 1953

388 Lodges, 80,829 Members.

The Forty-fifth Annual Communication was held at Muskogee, February 10, 1953.

M.W. Bro. Lee F. Parks, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Claude A. Sturgeon, Grand Secretary.

Among the distinguished guests present were the Grand Secretary of Arkansas, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Oklahoma, the M.E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the R.E. Grand Commander of Knights Temple of Oklahoma. There were also twenty Past Grand Masters present.

In the Grand Masters address there was included a recommendation to Grand Lodge that it should become a Masonic offence for any Mason to belong to the Communist Party, or to any Communist Front organization or to adhere to the principles of such parties or affiliates, and that any applicant for membership to any Masonic Lodge who was so affiliated should be, ipso facto, disqualified. The substance of this recommendation was approved by the Committee on Law and Usage their phraseology being "any party or organization advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force —" instead of the term "Communist Party."

In his concluding remarks the Grand Master said: "Masonry is not a material thing; it is a science of the soul; it is not merely a creed or doctrine, but a universal expression of the Divine Wisdom. We are dedicated in Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and there is no doubt in our minds that the freedom of worship that we hold

dear and enjoy is the keystone to all freedoms. With the destruction of this freedom mankind has nothing on which to cling; civilization would crumble and be destroyed."

The Annual Report of the Masonic Charity Foundation which controls the Masonic Homes and Masonic Relief indicates that the finances are in a healthy state and with considerable promise, through bequests, of increased resources in the future. Those eligible for admission to the Homes are Master Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction, their Wives, Widows and Mothers, also Sisters of The Order of the Eastern Star. In the Home for the Aged at the close of the year were 100 members, and the Children's Home at that date had 54 in residence.

In the past year the Grand Lodge has lost the services of two of its most eminent officers. On May 15th, M.W. Bro. Lyle H. Ball, Junior Past Grand Master, passed away very suddenly. The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. C. A. Sturgeon, for reasons of health felt that after serving for 35 years in various capacities in the Grand Lodge it would be inadvisable for him to continue longer in the position. In recognition of his long and valued services M.W. Bro. Sturgeon was made, by unanimous resolution of Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary Emeritus.

The Grand Orator, R.W. Bro. Leslie Allen, delivered an excellent address on "Tolerance and Understanding." He summarized in the following terms:

"Do we want a better world? To have it we must learn the principles of life announced nineteen centuries ago by the Great Teacher. This is the atomic age. Now we have the power to destroy practically the whole human race. We understand how to release the tremendous power of the atom. Do we understand how to get along with other people? Oh, if we could see that hate and greed and lust for power, that tyranny and fear armed with the atomic bomb lead to devastation and ruin! When will we get enough understanding in our hearts to banish war and inhumanity?"

"The task of Freemasonry is plain. It is to foster understanding among men that the earth may race forward towards the light of universal justice and peace."

Among Reviews of Proceedings are six Canadian Jurisdictions, but Alberta is not among them.

Officers elected for the ensuing year include:

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Murray L. Coppock.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. J. Fred Latham.

Place of meeting is to be Guthrie.

F. J. K.

OREGON — 1953

184 Lodges, 1 U.D. (Germany) Membership 41,557. Gain 1,002.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jared W. Summerhays.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. H. D. Proudfoot.

The 103rd Annual Communication opened June 10, 1953, in the Masonic Temple, Portland, under direction of Deputy Grand Master,

R.W. Bro. Thos. E. Lampkin. A note of sadness was present due to the death of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Summerhays, on the day preceding.

Following the opening Invocation and posting of the American and Canadian colors, the distinguished guests were received and accorded the Honors due their stations. They included representatives from the Grand Jurisdictions of British Columbia, Idaho, and Washington, The Royal and Select Masters, and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Oregon. There were sixteen Past Grand Masters present.

Early in the afternoon session the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of conducting the Memorial Service for M.W. Bro. Summerhays in order that his brother and family might be present. The eulogy delivered by Past Grand Master Geo. T. Cochran paid high tribute to the unselfish devotion of time and energies, and the leadership of the late Grand Master to all that he believed good both within and outside the Lodge. He was loved and held in admiration and high esteem by all who knew him.

The Grand Masters Message delivered by M.W. Bro. Ralph S. Nesbitt, Junior Past Grand Master, while primarily a record of stewardship, discloses a lively appreciation held by the Grand Master of the importance and responsibilities of the individual Master Mason. He refers specifically to those who would engage in liquor traffic, legalized under Civil Law, but contrary to Masonic Law. He firmly admonishes, "We are either Master Masons", or we are not. "If we are, then we should abide "by the Masonic Law". He also has a word for those who have no other thought but to reach the so-called higher degrees.

With the idea in mind that it gives them a license to forget their Masonic obligations and to conduct themselves in a manner to bring discredit on the fraternity. He reminds them "There are no higher degrees than the Blue Lodge, subsequent degrees yes but none higher." In short, we should practise outside of the lodge those excellent precepts which are ever inculcated within.

The Grand Master spent an active year, and a fruitful one, his duties taking him to 31 District meetings, the Tri-State Conference, (Idaho, Oregon and Washington), held in Boise, Idaho, visitations to Annual Communications of British Columbia, California, Idaho and Washington Grand Lodges, and the conference of Grand Masters at Washington, D.C.

One new lodge, Applegate Lodge at Elmira was constituted, and two instituted U.D., Wayfarers at Eugene, and Nebo at Roseberg.

Three Temples were dedicated during the year, including Milton Lodge No. 96, his own lodge, a privilege seldom enjoyed by a Grand Master,

Sister brother received 1866
or this program 953 have been presented.

The Committee on recognition of other Grand Lodges find that the Precepts and Tenets of the following conform to accepted usage and recommend the establishment of Fraternal Relations with them; (a) Grand Logia De La Masoneria, Argentina, (b) Grand Logia Nationale Francaise (not Grand Lodge de France). From studies concerning the Grand Lodge of Israel they did not feel that now is the proper time for Masonic recognition of that body.

Oregon Military Lodge U.D. operating in Frankfurt, Germany, since 1946 continues to report favorable activities. The performance of very useful service Masonically is known and acknowledged. A letter was read from Dr. Theodor Vogel, Grand Master, United Lodge of Germany, stating officially that the existence and activities of the above lodge in Germany, as well as a continuance of the Dispensation had their approval.

The Grand Orator's address by R.W. Bro. C. A. Kopp was a fine discourse on Masonic Work and the duty of the individual Mason in respect of it in every phase of human life. It is an excellent coverage of the subject, and he has a message that will appeal to the mind of every sincere Mason. In his concluding remarks he says, "The Work is laid out on the whole trestle board of life. Our Spiritual, intellectual, social and business life is involved. In every policy proposed, in every law enacted, in every official elected, in every business transacted, in every social and philanthropical enterprise, in every individual character development there is Masonic Work to be done. We cannot overestimate the need of Masonic Work, nor underestimate our responsibility as Masons. In co-operation with all other human agencies we are at labor".

The Superintendent of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home reports a satisfactory year operationally and financially. Over the past few years many improvements to the physical plant has been made adding to the comfort and improvement in services to the residents.

Financially, donations again exceeded any previous year and the Endowment Fund was also increased. The average number of resident numbers was 86, taxing the total capacity of the Homes and their average age was 82 years.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence by Edward B. Beaty is in the form of a Topical Review of the Proceedings of other jurisdictions, dealing with such subjects as The Mission of Freemasonry, The Masonic Plan, Masonic Education, Youth Organization, etc., etc. It is a comprehensive coverage and makes interesting and enlightening reading capable of being used to advantage by constituent lodges.

Place of next Annual Communication is to be Portland, June 16, 17 and 18, 1954.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thos. E. Lampkin.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. H. D. Proudfoot.

F. J. K.

PENNSYLVANIA — 1952

R.W. Grand Master Albert E. Eyler.
Lodges 578. Members 234,827.

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania was held at Philadelphia on December 27th A.D. 1952, A.L. 5952.

This Grand Lodge hold quarterly Communications at which much of the year's business is transacted so that the annual session is concluded in one day.

We note this Grand Lodge does not make use of the title "Most Worshipful", apparently "Right Worshipful" is their most exalted title.

For a great many years it has been the practice in this Grand Lodge to re-elect the Grand Master to a second term. This would seem to give the Grand Master a good opportunity to carry some of his important programs to fruition.

This being a very old Grand Lodge (organized in 1786) it has, naturally, a very large number of Memorial Funds, Bequests, etc. to administer and we find a hundred pages devoted to these various funds.

In his address the R.W. Grand Master said in part "Have you ever wondered what is God's purpose for Masonry? Why has He permitted it to live through the centuries? This is a personal question for each one of us. If God has a purpose for Masonry, He has a purpose for each of us as individual Masons." And again "Brethren, in God's providence Masonry has been preserved for us, and each of us as he looks at his beloved heritage from Washington and the other noble Masons of the past must face the question "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" May the God of all Masons—Christian, Jew, Moham-medan, Buddhist — guide, protect and strengthen us to unite around our one common altar in the brotherhood of man which is the only real acknowledgment of His fatherhood."

There is no mention of Grand Representatives and no review of other Grand Lodges in the proceedings.

J. M. S.

PHILLIPINE ISLANDS — 1953

The Thirty-seventh Annual Communication was held in the City of Manila, April 28-30, 1953, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Sidney M. Austin presiding.

Jurisdiction — Philippine Islands, Okinawa, Guam and Japan. It no longer has jurisdiction in China — all Lodges there having been transferred to the Grand Lodge of China in 1949.

Strength — 105 Lodges including 3 under dispensation, total membership 10,060 — gain for the year 713.

Finances reported to be in a healthy condition.

The Grand Master spent much time in travelling. He visited the brethren throughout the Islands, Guam, Okinawa, and spent over two weeks in Japan. In order to avoid delay in the future in obtaining rulings and routine authorizations from the Grand Master inspectors and deputies for the Grand Master for the more distant areas of the jurisdiction are being appointed.

Much good work has been accomplished by the Masonic Hospital for crippled children.

Material assistance was afforded to the brethren who suffered from the typhoons which visited the Philippines during the year.

The Ritual has been standardised to ensure uniformity in the work, but as yet it is not judged opportune to use a Japanese translation of it in Japan.

The Constitution and Masonic Law Book was revised during the year.

The in-coming Grand Master for 1953-1954, M.W. Bro. Mauro Baradi in announcing his program, stated that his immediate concern was not to make rosy promises to the brethren and assure them of success, but to strengthen the Grand Lodge, meet its difficulties and solve its problems. He called upon all Masons to enlist in the crusade for mutual trust and better understanding. Human life is too short to be spent in quarreling among ourselves; it is too precious to be wasted on selfishness and greed; and too important to be devoted to hypocrisy and deceit.

Next meeting to be held in the City of Manila, commencing April 27, 1954.

G. B. T.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND — 1952

M.W. Bro. J. Archibald Thomson, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. L. A. McDougall, Grand Secretary.

Lodges 16, Membership 1333, Gain 14.

The 77th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was held at Montague on June 25th, 1952. Alberta's Grand Representative, V.W. Bro. Brady was present.

The Grand Master in his report stated that he had visited every Lodge in the Jurisdiction. He presented two Fifty Year Jewels, one of these Brethren was accompanied to the Altar by five sons, all members of St. George's Lodge.

A new Constitution is being drafted for presentation to the Grand Lodge at an early date.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Argentina, Iceland, Finland and Colombia in Bagota.

M.W. Bro. Fred I. Bell was elected and Installed as Grand Master.

E. H. R.

QUEBEC — 1953

The Eighty-third Annual Communication of the M.W. The Grand Lodge of Quebec was convened in the City of Montreal, on Wednesday the 14th of October, 1953 with M.W. Bro. C. L. Roman, Grand Master on the throne.

Distinguished visitors from the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario and from the Grand Lodge of Vermont were cordially welcomed.

In the roll call of Grand Representatives it is noted the Alberta was not represented.

It is rather refreshing to read an address from a Grand Master which is not phrased in the stereotyped manner of such addresses detailing the many functions attended and the grand times had on such occasions. Shortly after his accession to the Grand Mastership M.W. Bro. Roman was laid low by illness and was unable to attend to the duties of his high office. However, during this period of enforced idleness his duties were carried on by the Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Master Roman tells us that he was captivated by the idea that the design of his message should be woven from the warp and woof of the threads that visualise the impressions, the observations, the thinking, the hopes, the fears and joys of your Grand Master; such a document would bring into focus the theme of the office of Grand Master, of his philosophy, his thinking, his outlook, his wish to point out and lead to the higher places that will widen horizons and give deeper understanding to the creed that is ours.

This reviewer would like to quote copiously from M.W. Bro. Roman's address unfortunately space does not permit, but I feel the following is well worthy of reading by the brethren.

"My Symphony"

- "To be aware, ever vibrantly, of the exquisite beauties of the world, and to feel each time I acknowledge them I am saying "Thank you" to God.
- To fill my soul with all the great and beautiful music that it is possible for me to hear.
- To refresh myself with fine poetry of the masters.
- To treasure friendships, and to store away happy memories of them against the time of trouble.
- To preserve a keen sense of humor as a buffer against life's little irritations;
- To do small tasks graciously;
- To adjust myself uncomplainingly to new situations, even if not of my own choice;
- To judge kindly, making all due allowances for different viewpoint and training;
- To cultivate a sensitivity to the feelings of others, that I may never unwittingly hurt them;

To love all with whom I come in contact as deeply as I can, feeling that by doing so I may be able to counteract some of the hate in the world, and lastly, feeling that I have been given only the talent of being kind; to remember the words of Emily Dickinson:

"They might not need me, but they might;

I'll let my head be just in sight;

A smile as small as mine might be

Precisely their necessity".

This is my symphony.

These words sum up in a practical way the glorious and golden symbolism of the music found in the soul and creed of every Mason.

Another quotation:

"Sometimes we may well wonder why we have to live so long to learn the way to live. There are many things we might wish we had learned sooner instead of later in life. Perhaps it is one of life's chief purposes that we have to live so long before we learn to live. With an immortal future before us, life takes on the appearances of being a period of preparation for endless eternal opportunities."

One Lodge was consecrated and the Grand Master laid the foundation stone of one Lodge and dedicated another, and in addition several anniversaries.

The Grand Secretary reported a net increase in membership of 297.

Benevolent Grants amounted to \$7,845.96.

The report of the condition of Masonry shows a healthy condition, although like many Lodges they suffer from a poor percentage of attendance of members, a situation difficult to control. A suggestion is that larger Lodges suffer more in this respect and should consider the advisability of splitting up in an endeavour to create more interest. Three bulletins were distributed during the year and some effort made to encourage Masonic Study through educational features. Some Lodges were active in furnishing blood banks and are commended for this work.

The Committee on Foreign Relations adopt a cautious attitude in the matter of Masonic recognition and follow very much our own line of practice of being guided by the Grand Lodges of the British Isles in this matter. Quebec does not present reviews.

W. I.

QUEENSLAND — 1952-'53

The Proceedings of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland covering the Quarterly Communications held in the Masonic Memorial Temple, Brisbane, for the two years ending June, 1953, show a total membership as at December 31st, 1952, to be 31,820, being a net gain for the two years of 2,745.

At the Quarterly Communication held in December, 1951, M.W. Bro. E. A. Jones, the immediate Past Grand Master, gave his report of the official visit he made, at the request of the Grand Master, and accompanied by other Grand Lodge officers, to Papua and New

Guinea the previous month. His description of the journey makes delightful reading. However, limitation of space forbids your reviewer reproducing this talk on their visitation to the Brethren residing and holding Lodges in this fascinating tropical country, an outpost of our Commonwealth. Truly our "branches are spread over the four divisions of the globe".

At the Quarterly Communication held on the 4th June, 1952, the question of the "Loyal Toast" was mentioned. The Grand Master ruled that the first Masonic toast should be "The Queen and the Craft".

Referring to the antiquity of the toast he mentioned the record of the proceedings of the "Masters' and Past Masters' Lodge of New Zealand, for the previous month. This record reads, in part:

"Question: Is there authority for coupling the King and the Craft in one toast?

Answer: The following is stated in the Transactions of the Research Lodge of Otago for July 30th, 1951:

R.W. Bro. R. C. Rutherford devoted his Installation Address to this Lodge to a discussion on this topic. The toast is sanctioned by long usage; for, upon the formation of the Grand Lodge in England in 1717, the Grand Master revived the old toasts, among which was 'The King and the Craft.' Anderson's Constitutions, 1738, tell us that this toast was first honored by Scottish Masons in the fifteenth century during the reign of James I of Scotland. This may be legendary history, but in a Lodge in Glasgow an old chest is preserved which was said to be used to store and preserve old Lodge records. On it is carved 'God save the King and the Mason's Craft, 1684.'"

One innovation that interested your reviewer is contained in the Report of the Board of General Purposes presented at the Quarterly Communication held on June 3rd, 1953. This reads as follows:

"The Board is pleased to advise that disc records of the music to be used in connection with the three Degrees and the Installation Ceremony, are now available and can be obtained upon application to the Grand Secretary." Following the adoption of the Report, the Grand Organist played the records pertaining to the First Degree. After hearing these records, M.W. Grand Master said: "Brethren, I think you will agree that Lodges with no facilities for music at their degree work would be very pleased to have music such as that. If the records are properly handled I am sure they will provide the music that is essential for good degree work." To your reviewer this is something that might well be considered by our Alberta Board of General Purposes.

There are no Reviews of other Grand Lodges with these Proceedings.

Grand Master — M.W. Bro. the Hon. Mr. Justice B. H. Matthews.

Grand Secretary — R.W. Bro. E. G. Radford, P.D.G.M.

M. J. B.

RHODE ISLAND and PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS — 1953

M.W. Bro. Fred W. Johnston, Grand Master, Retiring.
M.W. Bro. Kenneth Craik, Grand Master, Incoming.
R.W. Bro. N. Arthur Hyland, Grand Secretary.
Chartered Lodges 44. Members 18,278. Districts 7.
Semi-Annual Communication, November 17th, 1952.
162nd Annual Communication, May 18th, 1953.

The Committee on Charters and By-laws recommended to Grand Lodge that the constituent lodges be empowered to change the hour of stated meetings without the necessity of securing a dispensation, but that the various by-laws be amended accordingly. However, it also recommended that lodges be required to secure dispensations as formerly, to change the date of any stated meeting.

With the opening of the Annual Communication and at the reception of the U.S.A. Flag, a short masonic Creed was recited by all present, followed by two stanzas of the hymn, "Faith of our Fathers". After the presentation of the colors at the altar, two stanzas of "America" were sung.

The Grand Master's address was not very lengthy, but introduced some subject matter of general interest. Under the heading of Legal Questions, he advised that the Jurisprudence Committee had not been presented with any problems, so that it had not been necessary to issue any "Decisions, Rulings or Standing Orders" during the year. The Grand Master said he hoped this had meant there was no "confusion in the Temple".

There had been 23 dispensations for Lodges to attend Divine Worship. Two Lodges had been granted dispensations to hold public installations of the Lodge officers.

During the year, 48 brethren were presented with the fifty-year Grand Lodge Veterans' Medal.

\$2066.00 had been subscribed to the Holland Relief Fund and an amount of \$1277.32 had been paid over to that country.

At this stage of the proceedings, a very interesting ceremony took place, when a presentation was made by M.W. Bro. Borden, Grand Master of the District of Columbia. This was similar to those which had already taken place or would in the near future, in the other 48 Grand Lodges of the U.S.A. and was the official presentation of a masonic marked stone taken from the walls of the White House. The speaker referred to the fact that the White House was designed and built by a mason, with the corner stone laid in 1802 by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, with Washington acting as Grand Master pro tem.

The White House was rebuilt from the ground up. Everything was torn out, ceiling, floors, plumbing, heating plant, everything except the outside walls of the structure, which were retained.

The presentation was accompanied by a framed letter signed by the then President, H. S. Truman, the wood of the frame having been part of the woodwork of the White House, taken during its rebuilding. In the proceedings, there are illustrations of the framed letter and the marked stone.

One Sunday in each year, generally in April, a Masonic Sunday is observed by Districts.

It is noted that District Deputy Grand Masters have the assistance of a Master of Ceremonies to assist them in their round of duties. Reference is also made in the Proceedings to the activities of a Past Masters' Association.

In November 1952, most lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction officially observed the 200th anniversary of the conferring of the E.A. degree upon George Washington.

The report of the Grand Lecturers indicate that it is the custom to exemplify the three degrees at different lodges in the jurisdiction, care being taken to watch the openings and closings in full form and similar details of ritual. An assistant Grand Lecturer is appointed for each district.

The Grand Secretary's report indicated that three main funds were maintained, Masonic Service Fund, Masonic Home Fund and George Washington Memorial Fund. Each candidate is required to pay \$2.00 toward the Grand Lodge George Washington Memorial Fund at the time of his initiation. A per capita tax of \$1.25 per member is the means employed for the raising of necessary funds for the operation of Grand Lodge.

Under the report of By-laws, it is noted that:

One Lodge has annual dues of \$10.00 and a member may become a Life Member upon payment of 25 times that sum.

Another lodge has fees for the degrees of \$25 for E.A.; \$25 for F.C. and \$25 for M.M., the fees to be paid prior to the conferring of the degree.

Another lodge has fees payable in instalments of \$40 for each degree. Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, Berlin Lodge No. 46 in Berlin Germany, is operating under a charter granted in 1948.

During the year, fraternal recognitions were granted the following foreign Grand Lodges:

Grand Lodge Nationale of France.

Grand Lodge of "El Potosi" of Mexico.

Grand Lodge of Vienna, Austria.

Grand Lodge of Argentina.

Grand Lodge of Greece.

A committee on Masonic Youth Foundation supervises and organises various DeMolay activities.

An interesting analysis of the way various lodges spent their income, was shown, divided between those which lived within their income and those who did not.

WITHIN INCOME. Rent 28%, Salaries 24%, Printing and Staty 14%, Refreshment 18% leaving 16% for all other expenses.

EXCEEDING INCOME. Rent 34%, Salaries 27%, Printing and Staty 17%, Refreshment 21%, leaving only 1% of income for all other expenses. This 1% of income was totally inadequate for the remaining expenses and showed why these particular lodges exceeded their income.

The Proceedings gives a statistical report of each individual lodge in great detail. Information is given relating to each lodge in the jurisdiction, showing lists of officers; names of those initiated, passed and raised; names of deceased brethren; meetings held, membership etc.

There is also a list of representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, and of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island near other Grand Lodges.

A further list is given of Grand Lodges in Correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

L. J. R.

SASKATCHEWAN — 1953

The M.W. The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was convened in the City of Regina on Wednesday, June 17th, 1953 with M.W. Bro. G. H. Hummel, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

Following the Flag ceremony which is so beautifully carried out by members of the Craft connected with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the following distinguished visitors were introduced:

M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran, Grand Master of Manitoba.

R.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, Grand Secretary of Manitoba.

M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, Grand Master of Alberta.
and warmly welcomed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address is a resume of his work among the Masons of Saskatchewan. He attended all the iDistrict Meetings accompanied by his Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. R. A. Tate and a goodly representation of Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters. He reports an excellent attendance and very interesting meetings.

Grand Master Hummel had the honor and privilege of obligating his two sons in Oakwood Lodge No. 553, G.R.C., Toronto and pre-

sented each with a Masonic Bible; his son-in-law proposed the toast to the two candidates. M.W. Bro. Hummel was presented with a Life Membership in the Lodge.

That the Brethren of Saskatchewan appreciate the services and work of their Grand Secretary is amply manifest in the high Honor they conferred on him in electing an Honorary Past Grand Master. In honoring M.W. Bro. Bob Tate in this manner they are honoring themselves, and on behalf of Alberta your reviewer would extend his hearty congratulations on this well deserved recognition of his labors.

The report of the Grand Secretary is complete; setting forth the many activities of his office; including the instruction of the D.D.G.M's., developing a programme for the District Fellowship Meetings distinct from the District Meetings; attendance at Youth Rally Meetings, besides attending the Grand Master on his many rounds. He reports an increase in membership of 370 for the year.

The Report on the Condition of Masonry discloses a thriving condition in the jurisdiction and new members are a credit to the Craft and reflect careful selection. One District Deputy recommends that the responsibility to Candidates should be more clearly defined. The importance of having candidates understand the principles of Freemasonry; need for sincerity in the work and the getting of the candidates into a receptive frame of mind so that he appreciates the implications in the Degrees.

The report of the Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence is couched in terms somewhat different from that which usually is associated with such a report. In fact they pulled no punches, and where they disagreed with the Grand Master they did not hesitate to tell him so. This is a good sign, we get too accustomed to hearing laudatory reports which often are meaningless.

M.W. Bro. Douglas Fraser presented the report on Foreign Correspondence and takes issue with the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland who in their amendment to the 1948 Declaration of Principles state "they will not enter into fraternal relations with others which recognize Grand Lodges not recognized by them nor renew representation in similar circumstances when a vacancy occurs. Bro. Fraser considers this to be an arbitrary stand. Recognition was extended to Argentina and the Grand Lodge of Panama, and a number of South American applications were held over.

In 1956 Saskatchewan will celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary and plans have been started to honor this occasion in a fitting manner.

The Benevolent Fund spent \$18,223.00 in grants during the fiscal year.

The Masonic Reviews appear in the appendix Alberta for 1952 being duly reported.

W. I.

M.W. Bro. R. L. Hanbidge,
Grand Master.

SCOTLAND — 1953

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held the 5th of February, 1953, Brother The Earl of Eglinton and Winton, Senior Grand Warden, gave a most interesting report on the recent Deputation to Nigeria, Gold Coast and Sierra Leone. He was accompanied by the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Dr. A. F. Buchan, and in spite of the intense heat, with its tropical humidity, they were able to keep all their Masonic engagements, and, in addition had many informal meetings with various Brethren, attended receptions, garden parties and dinner parties. He said, "Two occasions which will long live in our memories were the Thanksgiving Services in the Cathedrals of Lagos and Accra. Both these services were open to the public and in the former case the service was conducted by the Bishop of Lagos, an African, who is District Grand Chaplain, and the sermon preached by the Archbishop of West Africa, who is also a Freemason. In the latter case in Accra the service was conducted by the Provost of the Cathedral and a very moving address was given by the Bishop of Accra — both of whom are Africans and are members of the Craft." Concluding his report, he said, "Freemasonry is flourishing in West Africa, and we found that the Brethren were all deeply interested in the fundamental nature of our Order and anxious to understand the full significance of our ritual and symbolism. It is most refreshing to note that we were never once asked to interpret the meaning of a Grand Lodge Law — our Brethren were not interested in the outward and visible signs, but in the inward and spiritual meanings. It is most encouraging also to state that there is no colour bar in Freemasonry whatsoever — Africans and Europeans work together in the greatest of harmony in both English and Scottish Constitutions. (Applause) It is worth noting that in our own Lodges in West Africa fully ninety-five per cent. of the members are Africans. This was the first deputation which has ever visited West Africa, and we were received on all occasions with the warmest of welcomes and the greatest enthusiasm. In fact the generosity and hospitality were almost overwhelming. There is no doubt that our visits gave a lot of pleasure, and we like to think that it did a lot of good." In another Report of this Deputation he said, "The total strength is now twenty-one Lodges — nine in Nigeria, seven in Gold Coast and five in Sierra Leone, and we are confident that this progress will continue." At one reception, which included Brethren of the English Constitution, the Gold Coast Police Band, to their great delight gave them "The Blue Bonnets."

Among the visitors at the Quarterly Communication held on the 6th of August, 1953, we note W. Bro. J. W. Burness of Athens, Master of an English-speaking Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Greece. In describing "The Work" used in his Lodge, he said, "We work a most peculiar mixture of rituals, for in the First Degree we work an English translation of a modified Greek translation of a French ritual of the ancient and accepted Scottish rite. (Laughter.) For the Second and Third Degrees we use the little green book which you all know, the standard ritual of Scottish Freemasonry, so if any of you Brethren ever came to visit my Lodge you would either be very very much at home or very very much at sea, depending on the ceremony which we were conducting."

At the Quarterly Communication held the 5th of November, 1953, Brother The Right Honourable The Earl of Elgin, P.G.M., gave his report on his recent journey to Jerusalem for the Erection and Consecration of the Grand Lodge of The State of Israel. He was accompanied by the Grand Secretary and others. His Oration delivered to the newly Consecrated Grand Lodge on October the 20th, 1953, was so outstanding and inspiring that it is felt the Brethren in Alberta should have the pleasure of reading what Brother The Earl of Elgin said on this occasion. The full text is as follows:—

SHALOM

And it shall come to pass in time to come
When your children say unto you
"What mean ye by these stones?"

These words refer to one of the great episodes of your Nation's history. Under divine guidance they had escaped from a strange land; their Faith had been tested by forty long years wandering in the wilderness; they had arrived within sight of the land which had been promised and they were confronted by what seemed to be an impassable obstacle. The River Jordan was in flood. How were they to cross it? Three days they lodged on the banks of the river, while plans were worked out. Then Joshua issued his orders to the people. "Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you. When ye see the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God and the Priests and Levites bearing it, remove from your place and go after it," and to the Priests he added "When ye are come to the brink of Jordan ye shall stand still in Jordan." Boldly these Priests marched into the water and stood firm in the stream while God revealed his purpose. The waters were cut off and all the people passed over on dry ground. It was a miracle, a revelation of Divine Power, but it did not take place until the Faith of the People had been proved.

To commemorate that great event Joshua ordered that twelve stones should be taken from the midst of the Jordan where the Priests had stood firm and that these stones should be set up as a memorial at the place where they rested that night. "For the Lord your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over: That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it was mighty." This was to be the answer to the enquiring children in time to come.

So today we are taking part in another great event — the establishment of the Grand Lodge of The State of Israel, and it is right that we should set up Memorial Stones to commemorate the event; though as we are not all Operative but Free and Accepted or Speculative Masons, these stone may take a figurative form. But as in the time of Joshua we must be prepared for challenge by our children and others who have not been present with us and who will ask in the time to come, "What mean ye by these stones?" What better answer can we give than that of Joshua "That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the Lord your God for ever."

In these modern times when we have passed through two Great World Wars and when there exists uneasiness, unrest, misunderstanding, when all Nations are building up great armies of Defence and when the brains of scientists are strained in the effort to produce weapons of more deadly strength, when there is even a temptation to magnify the power of man-made might, surely it is right to give real thought to the great Power which could and should unite us: Namely the acknowledgment of, and the Faith in, the Fatherhood of God.

This is what Freemasonry seeks to do. Freemasonry is not confined to one Nation or to one Creed; it does not seek to dictate on the form by which God is interpreted to man, but it does demand belief in God as a Divine Being and in His Fatherhood of Mankind. Through this belief it reveals the active Brotherhood which can exist all over the world between man and man. Today we are taking part in the establishment of a Sovereign Grand Lodge in the State of Israel. The desire to take this step was promoted by Five Lodges on the Roll of The Grand Lodge of Scotland. These five Lodges — Holy City, Rubin, Mizpah, Sharon and Aviv have today surrendered their membership of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and have returned to me the Charters which entitled them to work under that Constitution. As parents we have a natural regret that five Active Daughters should withdraw from our Family household and roll of membership, but we are glad that the withdrawal is occasioned not by inactivity or for misdemeanour, but from an urge on their part for further work and greater responsibilities. We rejoice, therefore, in the birth of the new Sister Grand Lodge. The presence of Grand Secretary and myself here today accompanied by other Office-bearers and Brethren, signifies that the Grand Lodge of Scotland approves of the proposal and is anxious to give all possible assistance in bringing the new Grand Lodge into active fellowship. This is the definite task on which we are engaged today and which will be completed when the Gavel is handed over to Most Worshipful Brother Levy. It opens a new opportunity for work to the Brethren composing the new Grand Lodge with responsibilities much wider and at the same time more intimate than those which exist today. So I think we can very appropriately turn to another great event in our national history and join with King Solomon in his prayer at the dedication of the Temple — "Will God in very deed dwell with men? Have respect, therefore, to the prayer of thy servant and hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before Thee. That Thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night upon the place whereof Thou hast said that Thou would'st put Thy Name there." Brethren trusting in this great promise of the Most High, go forward in faith and courage, remembering especially those seven steps by which you approached the East in the Third Degree, the first three stepping over the open grave, emblematic of resisting and putting aside the powers of the world, selfishness and evil and then boldly marching forward in the next four to accept the obligation of a Master Mason and to undertake his responsibilities; remembering above all the grip of the Master Mason is given on the five points of fellowship, which are a real bond of union between man and man and that in and

through this fellowship we are enabled to render fuller and more active service to the Most High God.

Brethren, what then are the Memorial Stones which we shall erect today? Freemasonry does not live and grow through propaganda or advertisement but from the personal practice of its teaching in our individual lives. The Operative Mason learns his trade through apprenticeship to a Master; as an apprentice and journeyman he practises his art under the Master's supervision in the hope that the time will come that he can take responsibility and produce the perfect ashlar for its place in the building. We as Freemasons have the same apprenticeship, but we are not actual hewers of stone. We have, however, an equally responsible job, if not more so, in preparing in our own lives a stone with these characteristics that it is in harmony with its neighbors and fit for its high calling as an integral part of that building which God Himself has promised to adorn with His Own Presence.

SHALOM

As usual many interesting speeches were made at The Festival of Saint Andrew but space alone prevents your reviewer giving excerpts from these addresses.

Grand Master Mason, M.W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Macdonald, M.B.E., T.D., L.L., J.P., M.A.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Alexander Buchan, M.B.E., B.Sc., Ph.D.
M. J. B.

SOUTH CAROLINA — 1953

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John I. Smith, Greenville.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Henry F. Collins, P.G.M., Colombia.

Number of Lodges 292. Membership 47,547. Net Gain 2,036.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina held its Two Hundred and Sixteenth Communication at Greenville on April 23rd and 24th, 1953. It is the custom of this Grand Lodge to open their Annual Communication with Religious Service. In his sermon, the Rector of Christ's Episcopal Church of Greenville spoke, in part, of greed and said "Turn the pages of history and life and read the stories of Nations who thus have lived. Look at Ancient Greece, 'the Glory that was Greece's' or Egypt, or ancient Rome, or France and look at England now and see the path that this way leads down and into oblivion." Perhaps a mere Englishman may be excused for thinking the last phrase of the quotation somewhat less than fair.

Grand Lodge opened under the gavel of M.W. Bro. John I. Smith, there were 6 Past Grand Masters present, 25 D.D.G.M.'s and 32 Grand Representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions, but Alberta's Representative is not listed. 272 Lodges were represented. Representatives of Lodges U.D. were accorded the same privileges as regular Lodge Representatives.

During the year there were nine special Communications, one was for dual purpose of Dedicating a Temple and laying the Cornerstone, five others were for the purpose of dedicating new Temples and three for the Constitution of new Lodges.

In his address, the Grand Master's opening theme was "More Light" to which end instructional meetings at District and Lodge levels were held under the Masonic Service Committee and through the pages of "Masonic Light."

Two Past Grand Masters, Joseph Everett Hart and Walter Franklin Going who was also Grand Treasurer, passed on, also two P.D.D.G.M.'s and 580 other members. Thirty 50-year buttons were presented and 4,500 25-year buttons.

R.W. Bro. W. C. Sheely was appointed Grand Treasurer. The Charter of one Lodge was restored and the Jewel of the Worshipful Master of another Lodge was arrested for stated cause.

Unlike our Constitution, Candidates having had one Degree conferred must apply for advancement each time.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations reported that they enjoy Communications with all 107 Grand Lodges, with whom Fraternal Relations have been established, throughout the world.

The Grand Lodge received, as did all other Grand Lodges in the United States a stone taken from the White House, when it was rebuilt, bearing a Masonic Symbol.

Amongst the 56 reviews of Foreign Jurisdictions, Alberta is well recognized, together with six other Canadian Jurisdictions.

W. N.

SOUTH DAKOTA — 1953

The Seventy-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, A.F. & A.M. was held in the Masonic Temple at Watertown on June 9th, 1953, with the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Roger S. Brown presiding.

Alberta's Grand Representative, W. Bro. Rolland O. Coates was present.

Photographs were taken of the Grand Lodge Officers and also of the District Masters and find a place in the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

The Grand Master stated that at the beginning of his year of office he had announced a 4-point programme, as follows:

Masonic Education — Masonic Service Association — George Washington Masonic National Memorial and Bi-centennial — Masonry and the Church. He reported that a great deal of good had been accomplished by this programme.

The Grand Master made a number of decisions or rulings and we select the following as of especial interest.

Ruled that a Mason suspended for N.P.D. automatically lost his membership in the Lodge of Research.

That a candidate who became a proprietor of a place that sold malt or spiritous liquors, after taking his entered apprentice degree, was suspended from further advancement until he removed the cause of his disqualification.

That the membership list of a Lodge is its private property and no officer or Lodge can furnish a list of its members and their addresses to any non-Masonic group or organization.

We thoroughly agree with this latter ruling and are glad to say we have had a similar understanding in Alberta for many years.

The Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers attended the following communications and conferences:

The communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota during the celebration of its one hundredth anniversary.

The annual Mid West Conference on Masonic Education at Iowa.

The George Washington Memorial Association at which a cheque for \$1,250.00 was presented on behalf of South Dakota to this endowment fund.

The Grand Masters of North America Conference.

The Grand Secretaries Conference.

The Masonic Service Association at which M.W. Bro. Brown presented South Dakota's cheque for \$3,000.00. A report of the activities of this Association during 1952 is given, from which it appears that a great deal of good work is being accomplished.

A cheque for \$30.00 was paid to the Hayward History Loan fund. This fund is being established to assist Bro. H. L. Hayward, the eminent Masonic writer, to prepare a history of Freemasonry in the United States. A total of \$3,000.00 is to be raised as a loan, to be repaid from the royalties from the sale of the History.

A Grand Lodge publication named the "Masonic Messenger" is now being issued. We congratulate our South Dakota Brethren on this, which we feel will greatly help in disseminating Masonic knowledge and information. In Alberta we have had for many years a Grand Lodge Bulletin issued during ten months of the year, and many constituent Lodges send a copy to each member with their Lodge Notices.

A new Lodge at Rapid City was instituted under dispensation.

The Grand Master consecrated, constituted and dedicated the South Dakota Lodge of Masonic Research and installed their officers. We will be looking forward to future reports of this Lodge with

a great deal of interest. Our experience has been that Lodges where Masonic Education receives attention have a high average attendance and very few suspensions.

A splendid address was given by the Grand Orator W. Bro. Arnold Herbst, entitled "What mean these stones."

It was decided that citizenship in the United States of America is not a prerequisite to membership in South Dakota. The Committee on Jurisprudence stated:

"As we pass by the pillars in the Fellow Craft degree, we are told of the universality of Masonry, and we dot not believe this universality is limited to the boundaries of the United States."

Recognition was given to the United Grand Lodge of Germany and the Grand Lodge of Vienna for Austria and was declined for the petition of the Grand Lodge of Israel, while the petition for recognition of the Grand Lodge Do Piaui, Brazil was held over for further developments.

The report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee states that the valiant little Grand Lodge of China is in serious difficulty. The Grand Master and his entire family have been beheaded by the Communists and the Grand Secretary languishes in a concentration camp.

Reviews were given of six Grand Lodge Proceedings only. These were so interesting that we felt sorry that more Grand Lodge Proceedings had not been reviewed.

No. of Lodges 169. Membership 19,721 Gain 349.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Arthur E. Munck.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. E. F. Strain.

W. A. B.

SWEDEN — 1953

The Grand Lodge of Sweden met in the Annual Grand Lodge Festival on March 22nd, 1953, in the Masonic Temple, Blasicholmagatan 6, Stockholm.

King Gustav VI was Grand Master, He had been a Mason 50 years, having been Initiated January 28th, 1902. A medal was struck to commemorate his Masonic Jubilee, and Grand Lodge presented him with a gold copy of the medal.

There are 54 Lodges with a total membership of 24,667, which was a net increase of 197 members in the year.

They have, after twelve years of work, adopted a Revised General Laws and Regulations.

Subordinate Lodges do not meet from April 30th until September 30th.

It is striking to us in Alberta to note the interest in Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The resignation of Col. John Henry Cowles 33 from his Office of Grand Commander for the Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. is mentioned and commented upon. We never make mention of the Higher degrees.

There is a good fraternal relationship exhibited between the Grand Lodge of Sweden and those of Denmark, Norway and Finland. There have been visitations between these Grand Lodges which have proved of mutual benefit.

Eric Hallin is the Grand Secretary.

W. A. H.

TASMANIA — 1953

The Sixty-second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Hobart on the 28th day of February, 1953, with M.W. Bro. R. P. Furmage, Pro. Grand Master, presiding in the absence of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. A. C. Lowe, who lay seriously ill in hospital.

In speaking to the Motion to adopt the Report of the Board of Benevolence, one Brother said he was not satisfied and he would "like to see the fund used for the erection of Masonic Homes for the aged and indigent Masons, their widows and children." The Grand Secretary, in reply, reminded the Brother that regulations governing the Account "expressly stated that the fund was to be used in cases of National Distress only." The Pro. Grand Master asked the Brother to bring the matter forward under general business. Later, when General Business was under discussion, the Brother gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he would move "for an alteration to the Constitution governing the No. 2 Benevolent Fund Account, in order that the Board of Benevolence may be able to assist in the building and maintenance of Masonic Homes."

The Reports of the four Grand Inspectors of Lodges showed that a high standard was generally being maintained in the work by the lodges. However, they do complain of a certain laxity among the Brethren in giving the signs. No doubt improvement from now on will be shown in this regard.

The retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. A. C. Lowe, in his address, which was read for him, concluded with these inspiring words:—"In the philosophy of Masonry is friendship and Masonry is friendship in action. 'Walt Whitman found the basis of all philosophy, all religion in the dear love of man for his comrade, the attraction of friend to friend.' Also in Masonic literature it is one perpetual paean of the practice of friendship from earliest time to our own day. Assured as we are of the uplifting influence of Masonry let us not be afraid, each one of us, to cultivate a lofty ideal of our Masonic duty. It has been said that those who live on a mountain not only

have a wider view but enjoy a longer day than those who live in a valley. We have but one day to live. What we have to do must be done here and now. Let us therefore not be afraid to live on a mountain in our ideals of Freemasonry and so secure a longer day in which to unite in the grand design of being happy, and communicating happiness to others.

When one's task is near its closing stages, even as is mine today, it may be likened to the sunset which comes in the world around us. The transcendent glory of the sunset has been seen by the poet and the ordinary man. Artists like Turner, possessed unusual power by which what he saw was realistically imposed upon canvas. But the glory of it all abides with those who have stayed to look thoughtfully upon it." . . . "But there is something else to be discovered and pondered upon when sunset brings its glories. For after the sunset comes again the sunrise. I am near the end of a very happy and cheering period of association with you all as your Grand Master, but I do not forget whilst it is sunset for me, it is soon to be a glorious and promising sunrise for my successor. I face the West, he faces the East, and my wish for him is that he will enjoy the warmth of the respect and loyalty and love which Masons have given unto me. And when sunset time arrives in his high Masonic office, may he be privileged to see the glories which can never be diminished."

At the Installation Ceremony, the newly installed Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. P. Furmage, in his Address had this to say, "The Ceremony of Installation is a constant reminder to us that Freemasonry is a progressive Science, and that the work is handed from Hand to Hand, from Year to Year and from Generation to Generation. At this particular time it also reminds us that in the Book of Time one chapter is just closing and another is opening. Our record as men and Masons for the Masonic Year, 1952, has been written and cannot be reopened. The record only remains. As a small child on a sandy beach will fill its hands with sand and idly watch the grains fall from its fingers, so we too have had opportunities for service to mankind within our grasp and have let them slip away. These opportunities are gone forever. However, a new Masonic Year is beginning — a new chapter in the book of time lies open before each of us. Its pages are white. A silent challenge to cause a man to pause and hesitate with uncertainty and think well upon each action before it becomes a record. Freemasonry during this coming year will be either advanced or retarded according to the nature of our individual recordings. Therefore let us all decide that we will make this year 1953 another year of advancement for the Craft and of Masonic happiness for the members."

A Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Hobart on the 29th August, 1953, with the Grand Master presiding.

As this was purely a business session there is little to report of interest to our Alberta brethren beyond the fact that the Grand

Master was happy to announce the recovery from a serious illness of the Immediate Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. A. C. Lowe.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. P. Furmage.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. H. A. Wilkinson, P.G.W.

Membership 7,614. Number of Lodges 63.

M. J. B.

TENNESSEE — 1953

M.W. Grand Master, Amzie Hall Kirkpatrick.

Number of Lodges 377. Members 74,184.

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was held in the Grand Lodge Building, Nashville, January 28th and 29th, 1953.

Many distinguished visitors were in attendance including Brother Frank G. Clement, Governor of Tennessee, who gave a brief address.

The Grand Master attended all 29 district meetings and was fortunate to find that every Lodge in every District was represented; 100% representation is so rare it is worthy of note.

The Grand Master had the discouraging duty of having to appoint quite a number of trial Commissions; he said "We wonder if the Lodges have not failed to fully appreciate the serious responsibility of thoroughly investigating the profanes, who seek admittance to our Fraternity. I am convinced that if the petitioners of the various Lodges were thoroughly screened before they were accepted, many of our Masonic trials would be eliminated." We fully agree with the Grand Master's statement and that the only way the world can judge Masonry is by the conduct of its members. In the eyes of this community, the members are the Lodge; therefore, the daily conduct of the members in every walk of life is the yardstick by which the Fraternity is judged.

Alberta's representative was absent from the Grand Lodge but we find a very friendly review of our Alberta proceedings.

Grand Master Elected, M.W. Bro. Clyde H. Wilson.

J. M. S.

TEXAS — 1952

M.W. Grand Master, Brother Gil Gilchrist.

Number of Lodges 918. Members 209,836.

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M., was held in the Memorial Grand Lodge Temple in the city of Waco, Texas, December 3rd and 4th, 1952.

This is a huge Grand Jurisdiction and it would be a physical impossibility for the Grand Master to contact even a quarter of his Lodges but his Corps of 121 Deputies did yeoman services and were highly commended by their Grand Master.

In his address, the Grand Master said in part "Not within the life of Masonry has the freedom of the world been so threatened as it is at this time. The forces of darkness and evil are arrayed against those of light and freedom and Godliness, making sure that this is a period in our world history when it behooves those who believed in those principles on which our republican form of government is founded and in those tenets and principles of reverence for a Divine Being which constitutes the heart of Masonry, to be eternally on their guard." We believe that is something that Masons everywhere should bear in mind.

It is worthy of note that 93 jewels were presented to members for fifty years' faithful service to the craft.

This Grand Lodge holds a very beautiful and reverent memorial service for their Fraternal Dead and also for the Distinguished Dead of other Grand Jurisdictions.

The guest speaker, Illustrious Brother G. E. Bushnell of Michigan, at the close of a most interesting and informative address said, "Do your utmost to help advance the spirit of brotherhood throughout the world. This is the only solution. Neither treaties, nor wars, can accomplish this good, because peace is a creature of the heart and not the creature of arms."

Alberta's Grand Representative, Brother Sam S. Wood, was present and the proceedings of our Grand Lodge were reviewed at some length.

Grand Master elected, M.W. Brother John McKee.

J. M. S.

UTAH — 1953

Eighty-first Annual Communication held at Salt Lake City, January 26th, 1953.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John Elliott Clark.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Emery Roy Gibson, P.G.M.

A perusal of the Proceedings of this Communication leaves little doubt that the outstanding feature was the presentation, by M.W. Bro. Carl Claudy, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, acting on behalf of M.W. Bro. Harry S. Turman, Immediate Past President of the United States, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, of a stone "taken from the Walls of the White House during it's just completed rebuilding. Enough of these stones, each with a Masonic symbol on it, were discovered to give one to each Grand Lodge in the United States" (The above quotation is from the accompanying letter from M.W. Bro. Truman).

The gift, suitably acknowledged by the Grand Master and all Brethren present, will be forever held in the highest esteem in memory of those "Operative" Masons, "who, 160 years ago, left the insignia of the Craft concealed in walls which they hoped would stand throughout the centuries, and who never dreamed that their Speculative Brethren would one day so greatly prize a sample of their handiwork."

Incidents such as this most strongly remind us of the close connection which still exists between "Operative Masonry" and "Speculative Freemasonry."

The submitted reports of all the Standing Committees afford the most interesting and instructive reading, particularly that of the "Committee on Fraternal Relations" which is mainly concerned with the responsibility of recommending for or against applications for recognition by foreign jurisdictions. The report of this Committee clearly indicates that each application receives the most careful consideration, and no recommendation is made until all available information has been received and given the fullest possible consideration.

The statistical part of the report indicates a nett gain in membership of 166 for the period under review; and further, that the financial standing of the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction is very satisfactory.

R. F. L.

VERMONT — 1953

One Hundred and Sixtieth Communication, held at Burlington, June 10th and 11th, 1953.

Grand Master M.W. Bro. D. Burleigh Smalley Jr.

Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. Aaron H. Grout, P.G.M., Burlington, Vermont, U.S.A.

Grand Representatives were present from 11 U.S. Grand Lodges, and 2 from Canada.

Thirteen districts were represented by their District Deputy Grand Masters; and also Grand Representatives, near the Grand Lodge of Vermont, of the 50 Grand Jurisdictions with which Fraternal Relations are officially recognized. Also present were the representatives of the Governor of the State of Vermont, and 2 Concordant Orders. All of the above were duly presented to the assembled Brethren, and received with suitable honours.

Perusal of the reports of the various reporting Committees indicates that thoughtful consideration and action is being taken in matters pertaining to Masonic Education, with particular reference to "Masonic Landmarks". The considered opinion of this Committee that "no Grand Lodge in the world has authority to determine what are, or what are not Masonic Landmarks, except to

designate those to be followed in its own jurisdiction" received the approval of "a substantial majority" whereby the seven Landmarks recommended by the said Committee were approved, "and all votes formerly passed adopting 25 Landmarks suggested by Dr. Albert G. Mackey under which this Grand Lodge has worked since 1893, were rescinded."

It will be interesting to follow to its possible conclusion in 1954, the proposal to amend the By-laws and Vermont Code of Masonic Law in connection with Section 249 thereof — "Penalties for failure to be represented, (at G. L. Communications) make Returns or pay dues and Assessments."

The reports of the various Committees indicate also that careful consideration is being given to the financial standing of the Constituent Lodges; to Charitable matters both within and without the Jurisdiction as shown by a splendid contribution to the Holland Relief Fund; and that all funds of the Grand Lodge itself are in a very healthy condition.

R. F. L.

VICTORIA — 1952

The Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was held in Melbourne on 19th March, 1952, with M.W. Bro. R. A. Rowe, Pro. Grand Master on the Throne. Alberta was represented by R.W. Bro. H. S. Smith, P.S.G.W.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes showed twenty-one Scholarships had been awarded to sons and daughters of Freemasons out of 371 applications.

The Annual Report of the Board of Management of Freemasons' Hospital showed that during the year 1951, 1,286 patients had been admitted, of which number 1,202 were Masonic patients. The net working loss was £15,086-2-8, due principally to the increased cost of salaries, wages, provisions, etc. However, this loss was amply taken care of by donations, etc., from the Lodges, Members, Ladies' Auxiliaries, etc.

In addition to the above activities, the Board of Benevolence takes care of and carries out the teachings of the First Degree.

The Grand Secretary reported the membership as at December 31st, 1951, of 96,236, being a net gain for the year of 4,618.

At the Quarterly Communication held in Melbourne 18th June, 1952, we note V.W. Bro. F. N. Balfe, Grand Inspector of Workings, in his Report drew attention to the necessity of punctual Lodge openings in accordance with the time stated on the Notices. As he said, "Late ceremonies, and even later retirements are to be avoided, as responsible for boredom and lack of interest on many Members of the Craft." He also stressed the necessity of silence

on the part of the brethren while the ceremonies were taking place on the floor and "regretted the main offenders continue to be located in the East."

A Quarterly Communication was held at the Exhibition Buildings, Carlton, on the 22nd September, 1952, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. His Excellency Sir Dallas Brooks on the Throne.

At this meeting the Board of General Purposes recommended that Fraternal Recognition be accorded to the Grand Lodge of Iceland.

At the close of the meeting nearly 4,000 Brethren assembled around the Festive Board on the special invitation of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master, in his Address, quoted a few figures showing the growth of the membership in recent years. He said, "in 1939, at the beginning of the second world war, our membership was 52,000. In 1946, at the end of the war, it was 60,000. Today — only six years later — we have no fewer than 99,201 brethren, and so, in a mere matter of twelve years, we have doubled our membership. I think you will agree that those are astonishing figures. Now, let me give you the Lodge figures. Since the war there have been consecrated 139 new lodges, giving us an over-all total of 710 Lodges in the State of Victoria. Those figures reveal the vast size of our United Grand Lodge of Victoria, and the tempo of its development."

Before concluding his Address he said he wished to give two thoughts for the Brethren to carry home with them. "First of all, in these times in which we live, one of the most hopeful signs is the remarkable stability of Freemasonry; it remains quite unaffected by those evil forces which are impacting all the time on our day to day lives. That being so, it is of course very heartening to watch the expansion that is taking place in our membership, which has now reached the total of 99,201. But, this strong appeal which the Craft seems to possess in these difficult times has, of course, one potential danger — a possible lowering of quality. Therefore, we must see to it that quality marches in step with quantity; and, by quality, I do not refer only to the quality of the character of a new brother — I refer to the quality and the uniformity of our ceremonial and our ritual, and I ask every Worshipful Master to leave this room tonight with the watchword: "Quality must be maintained." That, brethren, is my first message.

My second and last message is this. I fear it is true to say that, because of the complexity of life, too many citizens are unhappily giving up the struggle as a bad job, and they are saying, with a shrug of the shoulders, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." That being the case, it is of the utmost importance that every brother in our Craft should take himself to task from time to time to satisfy himself that he is completely free from this dangerous germ. As Freemasons, you will all agree that the certain antidote is to hold fast to our Ancient Landmarks; that we believe in God; that we strive to conduct our daily lives on

the standard set us in the Volume of the Sacred Law; and that we give unswerving allegiance and loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As our late beloved King wrote to Lord Scarborough, shortly before his death, when he was installed as Grand Master in November last year; "The world today does require spiritual and moral regeneration. I have no doubt, after many years as a member of our Order, that Freemasonry can play a most important part in this vital need." That, brethren, is a call which we must heed; it is a call to take our duties more seriously than ever before; it is a call to work. Let us decide tonight to accept that challenge. If we do so, not only will we find greater contentment and greater happiness, but we shall also be fulfilling our duties as individual citizens by making our contribution to the solving of many of the ills of mankind.

There is a good Review of the Communication of Alberta for 1952 by R.W. Bro. H. S. Smith, P.S.G.W.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. His Excellency General Sir Dallas Brooks, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., K.St.J.

Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. C. W. Davis, P.G. Treas.

M. J. B.

VIRGINIA — 1953

The One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was held in the City of Richmond, on February 10, 11 and 12, 1953, with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Charles M. Lankford Jr. presiding.

The high-light of the year was the emergent communication that was held at Fredericksburg, in the lodge room of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4 on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1952, to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Masonic birthday of Brother George Washington, they certainly had a long list of distinguished visitors. Most Worshipful Bro. Luther T. Hartsell Jr. was the orator for the occasion, from North Carolina.

The Grand Master proclaimed that all Lodges were to Observe Founders Day, October 13, 1952, to enable the Brethren the privilege of paying honor to the memory of the Founders of this Grand Lodge and to offer to each the opportunity to give tangible expression of their thanksgiving in the form of a gift for the Endowment of the Masonic Home, which resulted in a total of \$32,317.83 being donated. M.W. Brother T. P. Coleman was called on to present M.W. Bro. C. D. Freeman with 50-year button, M.W. Bro. Freeman has only missed two or three Annual Communications since 1904, a most enviable record.

M.W. Bro. John I. Smith, Grand Master of South Carolina in his remarks said, "that he wished to thank the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge for the privilege that was accorded his Grand Jurisdiction as well as all others throughout the United States to share in

the Bicentennial Celebration of the initiation of W. Bro. George Washington, every Lodge in his Jurisdiction held a meeting, and in addition there were two public meetings held, one of them had 3,000. It gave them a chance to let the public know, that George Washington was a Mason, and also a change to give them a good dose of real old-fashioned Americanism along with it — something that we do not get too much of in this day and generation.

They passed a resolution to take \$125,000.00 from the Masonic Relief foundation to build a home for the aged, on the grounds of the Masonic Home to furnish a home for 30 guests.

Bro. Orvin McLean Miles was elected and Installed as Grand Master for '53 and '54 and was presented with gifts from the various Lodges, but the Brethren of the 22nd and 39th Masonic Districts presented him with the keys to a 1953 Packard sedan, he being a loyal railroad man they said that there were a lot of places that the N. & W. did not cover in the State. Bro. Miles closed his inaugural address with the following. "I covet your good wishes and your assistance at all times. And may the Lord of all Creation bless us in our mutual endeavor to serve Him and humanity".

Alberta receives very favorable comment in the review of Foreign Jurisdictionns. Bro. J. Grover Seelinger, Alberta representative was present.

Lodges 333. U.D. 2. Membership 62,159. Net Gain 1,920.

T. A. M.

WASHINGTON — 1953

The Ninety-sixth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington convened in the Masonic Temple, Spokane, on Tuesday, the 16th day of June, A.D., 1953, and was called to order by W. Bro. R. H. Doggett, Sr. the W.M. of Tyrian Lodge, No. 96. The Grand Lodge Officers entered in procession, M.W. Bro. Lemuel W. Sims assumed his station as Grand Master.

The address of welcome was by Bro. Willard Taft, acting Mayor of the City of Spokane, in his remarks mentioned the courtesy cards, and told them to attach them to their windshields, which apparently gave them immunity to traffic tickets.

I note that Alberta's Grand Representative W. Bro. Archie W. Shiels was present. M.W. Bro. Sims, in his message thanked the Committee on Masonic Research and Education for brochure entitled, "One Hundred Years of Freemasonry in Washington" which no doubt was very interesting, also a booklet entitled "Will You Plan Ahead" and "Masonic Countresies" for the Junior Wardens. I cannot see how M.W. Bro. Sims could find time for all his visitations, it takes pages to list them all.

One hundred and nineteen Brethren were presented with Fifty-year certificates and buttons.

Among the decisions of the Grand Master I note one that was of interest to me because our Lodge wanted to erect one of these signs, and while Alberta does not forbid it, they do not encourage it. It was, may a Masonic Lodge erect a welcoming sign at the entrance to a city or town?

The answer was no.

The Grand Master thanked the Trustees of the Masonic Home at Zenith for their untiring efforts also to Brother and Mrs. Budde Superintendent and Matron of the home. They spend approximately \$200,000.00 a year on the home. The Grand Orator W. Bro. Ivan E. Merrick oration entitled, "Designs On The Trestleboard" was received with tremendous applause, it was a masterpiece. He says, any Lodge which is able to average fifteen per cent of its membership at its stated meetings once a month is considered to be doing a successful job. He considers that we have lost the art of reading the designs on the trestleboard — that so far as our eyes are concerned the designs are not there — that our confusion today is akin to the legendary confusion in the Temple at Jerusalem some 3000 years ago. There are two elements of the design which we must recapture if we are to have the internal spark which will intensify the spirit of our membership and which will make relevant our witness to the world.

One of these is that Masonry is a society of religious men. The other is that Masonry is a forum in which the problems of life are discussed freely and openly without fear or favor.

If we are not men of religion, we are nothing. Religion as expressed in Masonry is not some kind of a master genius. It is, rather, the truth which has been distilled from the experiences of all religious men and to which all religious men can agree.

M.W. Brother Fred Winkels was installed as Grand Master and R.W. Brother John I. Presissner as Grand Secretary.

65,942 Members. Lodge 275 U.D. 2. Net Gain 1,138.

T. A. M.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA — 1953

Grand Master M.W. Bro. J. A. Ellis.

Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. N.J. Munro, P.J.G.W.

Lodges 278, Membership 20,057, Increase 710.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia holds quarterly meetings, the first such meeting, for the year 1952-53 was held at Kalgoorlie on August 21st 1952. The Grand Master was unfortunately stricken

with 'flu, after a long trip and was unable to be present at the first meeting following his election. A number of amendments to the Book of Constitutions were presented and passed. One interesting amendment authorises the Grand Master, instead of Grand Lodge, to confer Grand Rank on Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia near other Grand Jurisdictions.

The second Quarterly meeting was held in Perth on November 27th, 1952, The Grand Master presiding. At this meeting the Grand Master ruled that application for approval must be made to the Grand Secretary's office, before a 'Ladies Night' was put on by a Lodge. The application must disclose detailed arrangements. This ruling was a follow-up of rulings given in 1936 and 1940 which is reported to have been ignored recently and the purpose appears to be to restrict 'Ladies Night' to Members of the Craft or sons of Members as far as male attendants are concerned.

The third Quarterly meeting was held at Perth on February 19th, 1953, the Grand Master presiding. At this meeting the Brethren were reminded of a ruling given in February 1929, adopting recommendations of the Third Australasian Masonic Conference as follows:

- (a) That no Freemason be permitted to attend any meeting of, or be a member of, the Order of the Eastern Star;
- (b) That no meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star be permitted in any Lodge Room.

The Grand Master reminded the Brethren that any member of the Jurisdiction who ignored the ruling was committing a Masonic Offence, rendering him liable to expulsion.

The Brethren were also warned against canvassing for Initiates.

The Grand Master was re-elected for a second term at this meeting.

The Annual meeting of the Jurisdiction was held in Perth on May 28th, 1953. The District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Scotland, with several of his Officers was introduced and welcomed.

The Grand Master reported that he had made 288 visits during the year, that he had consecrated four new Lodges and had attended one Jubilee meeting.

It is interesting to note that the rank of Past Master was conferred on four Brethren, on the recommendation of their Lodge, for meritorious services. It seems that in most cases this is confined to brethren who do not expect to acquire that rank in the normal manner.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Vienna for Austria and a Grand Representative was nominated.

The annual elections are confined to the Auditor, the Grand Treasurer, the Board of General Purposes and the Board of Bene-

volence. The other Grand Officers are appointed by the M.W. The Grand Master.

A Notice of Motion was given that "No Lodge shall, except by express leave of the Grand Master, initiate into Freemasonry any person who has in any way been connected with an organization which is quasi-Masonic, imitative of Freemasonry, or regarded by Grand Lodge as irregular or incompatible with the Craft." A second paragraph provides to the disciplining of any Brother who associates himself with any such organization after joining. This will come before the next meeting.

The report of the Grand Inspector of Workings is interesting and shows that the rites and ceremonies of the various Lodges have been carefully supervised, with a view to maintaining uniformity.

Benevolence issued during the year amounted to £5,883.00 a goodly sum.

E. H. R.

WEST VIRGINIA — 1953

The Eighty-ninth Annual Communication of the M.W. The Grand Lodge of the State of West Virginia was held in the City of Charleston, on Wednesday, October 14th, 1953 with M.W. Bro. Delbert T. Robinson, Grand Master presiding.

A large number of distinguished guests representing States near and far were cordially welcomed by the Grand Master and given the usual honors.

The address of the Grand Master recounts his endeavors on behalf of West Virginia Masons; in addition to the regular duties, visitations, etc. he was called upon to lay seven corner stones and dedicate three Lodge Halls.

The report of the Grand Lecturer details the work of the Lodges and he is responsible to see that uniformity is maintained. This report is replete with instructions and changes in the Degree work and, with the use of schools of instruction, no difficulty should be encountered by the Lodges in maintaining the apparent high standard demanded.

The Grand Secretary's report shows an increase in membership of 949 with 165 Chartered Lodges.

West Virginia maintains a Home housing 22 men, 22 women, two boys and two girls, and in addition spent some \$2,000.00 in charity.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended recognition be extended to The United Grand Lodges of Germany and the Grand Lodge of Vienna for Austria; other applications were held over for further consideration. In the appendix of the volume 66 reviews of proceedings may be found of which Alberta for 1952 receives generous consideration.

REPORT OF THE

Several of the distinguished Brethren addressed the session of Grand Lodge from one of which we would quote the following:—

"Lord let me live from day to day
In such a self forgetful way,
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayers shall be for others,
Others, Lord, yes others,
Let this my motto be:
Help me to live for others,
That I may live like thee."

W. I.

M.W. Bro. William G. Johnson,
Grand Master.

WISCONSIN — 1953

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Ingvald O. Hembre.
Elected Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Robert H. Gollmar.
Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Paul W. Grossenbach.
Number of Lodges 306. Membership 64,147. Increased 655.

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Wisconsin was held in Milwaukee on June 9th, 1953, being presided over by M.W. Brother Ingvald O. Hembre, who gave a very comprehensive report on his years work. In selecting items from the address that are of interest to the Brethren of this Jurisdiction it is noted that M.W. Bro. Herbert W. Dixon was re-appointed as Foreign Correspondent, he has been on the job for many years; that M.W. Bro. Thomas Loignon was appointed as Editor of the Wisconsin Freemason, a very worthy publication. Among the 1,194 members of this Grand Lodge who passed on were two Past Grand Masters and one Past Grand Senior Warden. One Hundred and Ninety-seven members were awarded Fifty-year Certificates, a very commendable record.

Mention is also made of a Secretaries quarterly District Meeting, under the guidance of the Secretaries Section of the Grand Lodge office.

A Committee on Masonic Education under the Grand Lecturer, who is a paid official of Grand Lodge, was commended for their excellent work and it was recommended that it be made a permanent Standing Committee of Grand Lodge.

In concluding, the Grand Master gave the following interesting historical facts: "Wisconsin has an interesting political and Masonic history. The French were the first people to come to Wisconsin in 1634. Our first Wisconsin Masonic Lodge was established in Green Bay 190 years later, in 1824 on a charter from New York. It is very interesting to note that Michigan preceded us in 1764, Illinois in 1806, and Iowa followed us in 1840. Seventeen years after the first Lodge was formed in Green Bay in 1841, our present Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 was organised. Melody Lodge No. 2 of Platterville and Kilbourn Lodge No. 3 of Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, were organized in 1843 and established this Grand Lodge. I pointed this up to show you that Masonry was at work in helping to lay a firm foundation for the grand State of Wisconsin five years before it entered Statehood."

There seem to have been considerable Jurisdictional difficulties amongst the various Lodges and it is recommended that the indifference of some Lodges should be firmly dealt with. There were few real troubles during the year and Masonry appears to be in a very healthy state in Wisconsin.

M.W. Bro. Robert H. Gollmar was elected and Installed as Grand Master for the ensuing year. After the oath of office was administered to the Grand Master elect, he was invested with the Jewel of his Office by his Father and clothed with the Grand Masters Apron by his son, what a unique ceremony and what a wonderful start to a year in Office. We shall look forward to reading next years Proceedings.

S. P. B.

WYOMING — 1953

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Wyoming was convened in its Seventy-ninth Annual Communication by the M.W. Grand Master, Brother James M. Milstead, on Monday, August 24th, 1953, at Worland. They were welcomed by the Mayor, Bro. M. W. Watson, who is also the Treasurer of Cloud Peak, No. 27.

M.W. Bro. Milstead concluded his address with the following:

"As Masons we have great responsibilities, to our God, to our country and to ourselves. To God to show him our deep reverence by keeping ourselves pure, clean and thereby setting a good example for others. To our country, that we are to work, encourage, obey, keep its laws and promulgate clean government, so that we may keep the liberty and freedom we now possess. To ourselves, that we walk worthy of the name of being a Mason, ever remembering, that we are "The Salt of the Earth" and keeping the Great Light that directs us, ever before us."

According to the report of Brother Joe F. Wood, Director of Education, they are having the old trouble of trying to find something to get the interest of the new candidates, many of us shrink from anything labeled educational, but there is no other word to use in its place. An educational program for your Lodge will not cost money, but it will cost some considerable effort. If your Lodge has no Brother who is willing to devote some time to searching for the wisdom of Masonry, your Lodge is indeed poverty stricken. But any Lodge has some Brethren that can and will, if you will find them and put them to work. The members of your Lodge constantly want more Masonic Light — and if you give it, your Lodge will be alive, and it will grow, and it will be successful.

M.W. Bro. Homer E. Zorn was installed as Grand Master and Brother Ervine E. Clark as Grand Secretary.

52 Lodges. Members 12,120. Net gain 355.

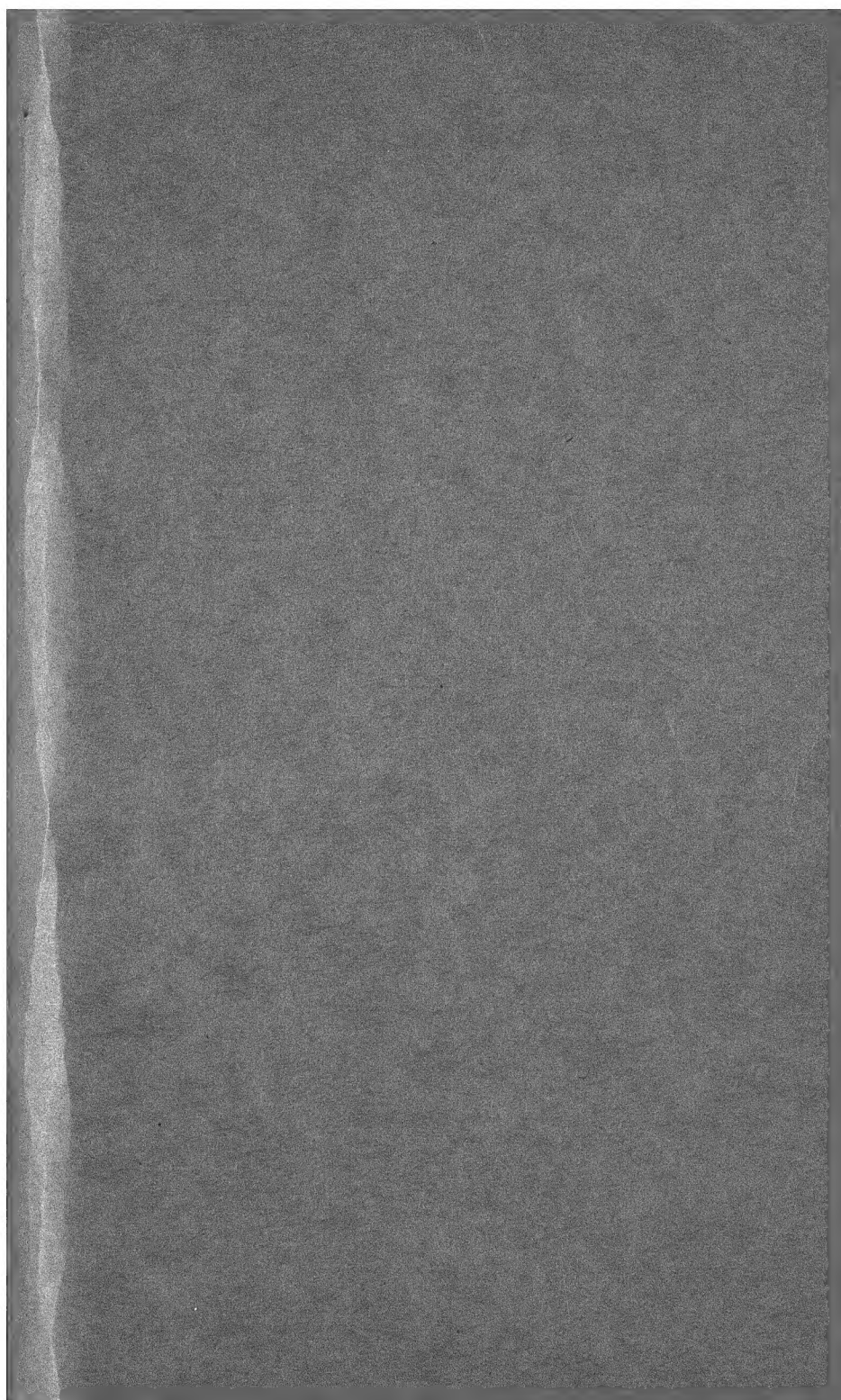
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